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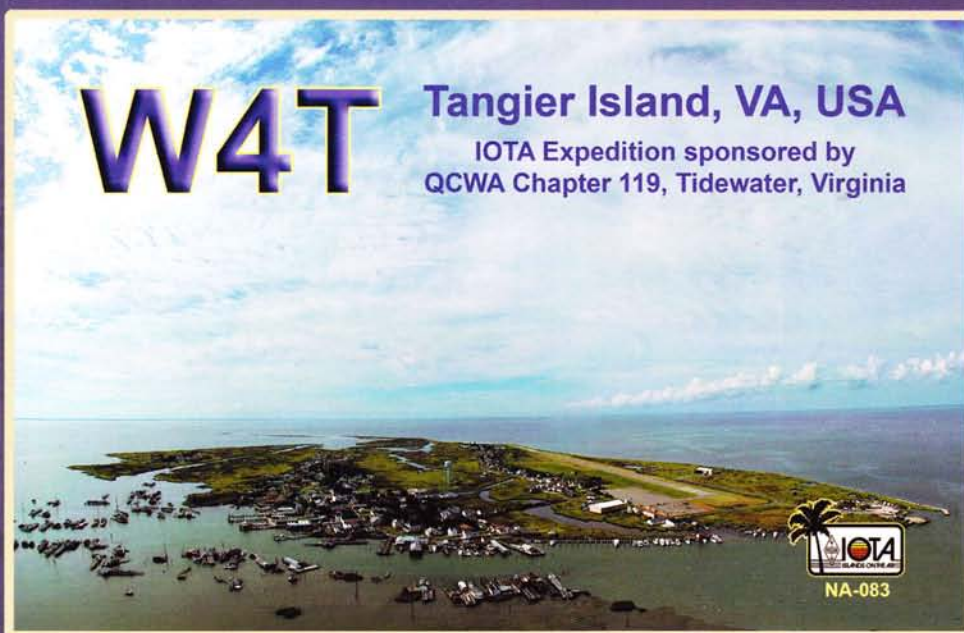
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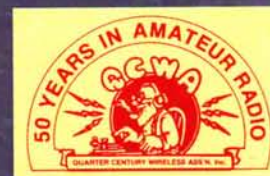
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This month's cover: Chapter 119 sponsored the IOTA Expedition to Tangier Island. It began on July 23, 2009 and ended July 26, 2009. The expedition call sign was W4T. Team members included: Steve Batton, W4XQ; Butch Burke, KE4AZL; Vic Culver, W4VIC; Joe Deschaine, K14RKB; Talley George, W4TVG; Terry Hunsicker, K14RXC; Barry Priddy, K5VIP; and Quint Webb, K4CQW. The Support staff included: Pilot Station Ron Young, W8RJL, and digital advisor Stu Spatz, K4MIL.

The logistics team members for the expedition departed Cobb's Marina aboard the sailboat DO-U-WUNA, Captain Terry, K14RXC navigating, on Wednesday afternoon and the remainder of the operators from Onancock, VA on Thursday morning July 23 via the Tangier pedestrian ferry. Antennas for the duration included a tri-band yagi, all band vertical antenna, and a Carolina Windom wire antenna. The photo to the left is Tangier Island at high tide. Photo by the team.

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From the President

Bob Roske, NØUF



WINTER 2009

Our 54th Annual QCWA Spring QSO Party will be in April 2010. Watch for the rules in the Journal or at <http://www.qcwa.org/qso-party.htm>. Hopefully we'll get a sunspot or two before then.

Congratulations to the winners of the QCWA Scholarships. They are listed elsewhere in the Journal. Thanks to FAR for handling the selection process.

I had the pleasure of participating in a CQ100 demonstration at the Chapter 63 Meeting in Oklahoma City. It was lots of fun surprising the members of Chapter 63.

The Annual QCWA Members Meeting will be held at Dayton again in 2010. Time and location to follow.

Chapter 41 is planning the Dallas QCWA Convention to coincide with HamCom on 11 - 12 June, 2010 in the Dallas area, Plano actually! See page 29 or check <http://www.hamcom.org/> for more info.

Check out <http://www.qcwa.org/events-by-chapter.htm> to find out when and where a chapter in your area is meeting.

I'd like to call your attention to the revitalized QCWA Chapter 36 in Northwest Indiana ~ **Creaky Knees and Rusty Keys** ~. Visit the chapter's website at <http://chapter36.org/>. Chartered in 1967 and dormant from 1993 until now, Stan and the guys are doing a great job!

Dogwood Chapter 98 in Vancouver, BC is also being reactivated. On 10/04/09, six amateurs gathered and agreed to proceed. Interim Officers are President, Gary Skett, VE7AS, and Secretary-Treasurer, Ed Frazer, VE7EF. Chapter 98 was chartered in 1976 and was active until 2001.

All the best to the officers, members and prospects of Chapters 36 and 98.



Left; Terry, AA6T; Center, Stan, WA6ZGI; Right, Ron, NC6U.

On Tuesday, September 22, 2009, three members of Northern California Chapter 11, traveled to Livermore in Alameda County to install a complete HF radio station in the home of Chris Pelton, AF6JI. Chris is a relatively new ham who has earned her Extra Class license. The radio was a Yeasu FT 920, with an Astron 35m power supply. The G5RV was erected in the side yard.

The equipment was supplied by Ron Carmichael, NC6U, Terry Finn, AA6T, provided a grounding strap and coax, and Stan Towle, WA6ZGI did most of the installation.

This HF radio station was owned by Ken Beck, WB6UYV, of Lancaster, CA. Ken became a SK in the spring of 2009 and his family asked Ron, NC6U, to find a new home for the equipment where it would be put to use by a new ham who would really appreciate the gift.

Good Show, Chapter 11!

**73 de NØUF op Bob Roske
President QCWA**

The Quarter Century Wireless Association

The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc. was founded December 5, 1947, as a non-commercial association of radio amateurs organized for the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation, for the establishment and advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare.

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Its affairs are governed by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Directors, whose voting members are elected every two years by the general membership.

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THE MARGATE SAFARI NET

by Pat West, W7EA

One of the more fascinating aspects of amateur radio is that of net operations. One of the more interesting international nets I have participated in was referred to as the "Margate Safari Net". There were 40-50 active members of this net, and over 100 counting occasional checkins.

Margate, a noted tourist site in Natal, South Africa, is located on the Indian Ocean about 375 miles Northeast of Port Elizabeth. The net control station for the Margate Safari Net was the late Manny Laxton, ZS5WX, a Margate resident, a World War II hero of the war in the desert against Rommel; and a famous big game hunter, safari guide, and movie actor.

Manny changed from a big game killer, trophy collector and safari leader to become an avid game conservationist. In fact, in addition to several game farms he owns, he purchased a 3,000 acre spread, north of Margate and when last heard from, had fenced the farm and was stocking it with native animals. His plan was to provide an area like our Pacific Northwest Trek, where children could view the wild animals of Africa in a wild native environment.

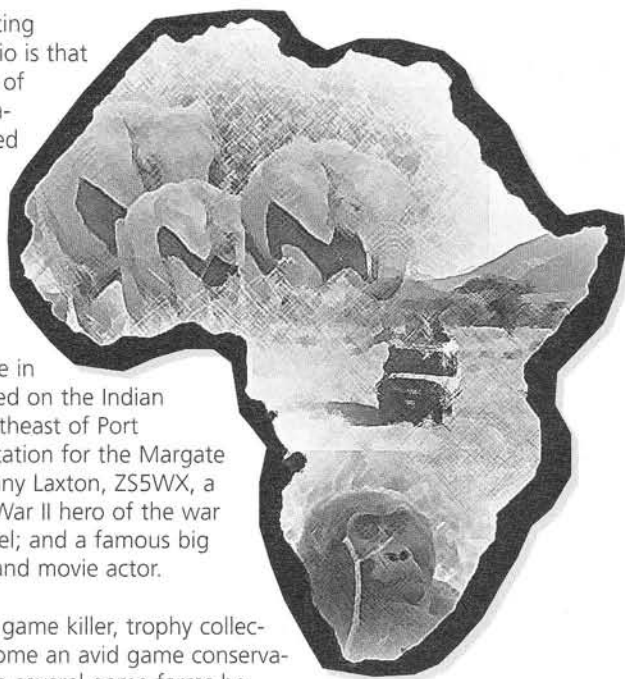
In the late 1980s and early 1990s, I was an active participant in the Margate Safari Net. Several mornings each week, I would tune my radio to the proper frequency at the correct time and would check in to the net. For about an hour, hams from the world over but mostly from our state of California, would discuss numerous topics of mutual interest. We would tell about ourselves, our other hobbies, work experience and you name it. Many lasting friendships were achieved via The Margate Safari Net.

The late Bill Rea, W6VZZ, from Pasadena, California was the alternate net control station. When Manny couldn't make it or we did not have propagation to Africa, Bill would take over the net control.

Several of the group have visited Manny and his loving wife Stella, now deceased, at Margate and on at least one occasion, Manny visited the USA at one of the Visalia DX conventions, which are held each year at Visalia, California. Hams from all over the world get together for eyeball QSOs, and camaraderie. I have participated in several of the Visalia DX conventions but have never had the opportunity for an eyeball to eyeball conversation with Manny, however, did correspond with him and wife Stella.

In 1994, the low in the eleven year sunspot cycle cut off much of our world wide communications and contact with Africa became very difficult to achieve. Our Margate Safari Net ceased to exist.

In 1995, Gus Gilkas, W5HRF, from San Antonio, Texas, one of my active net friends, sent me a copy of a letter he had received from Manny's wife Stella. I quote from Stella's letter as follows:



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GENERAL MANAGER'S Report

Chuck Walbridge, K1IGD



WINTER 2009

SAFETY — The recent tragedy in Florida should serve as a reminder of the importance of reading and following all safety info in manuals and installation instructions of our ham equipment and antennas. While much of our equipment operates at low voltages, primary power is as much of, and is still, an area where safety needs to be considered. Please read your manuals and if you have safety questions, always contact the manufacturer of the item—radio or antenna! We send our condolences from QCWA to the family of these hams.

ELECTION 2010 — Ballots for the 2010 Officer/Director election will be mailed to all active members by April 15, 2010. They must be returned to the tellers no later than July 15, 2010. The tellers for this election will be members of QCWA Neosho Valley Chapter No. 211. Photos and a brief bio of each candidate will be included in the spring Journal. The Nominating Committee report was included in the last Journal and their selections are listed below. Other members, wishing to run as an Officer or Director, can submit a petition, signed by 25 members in good standing, to the General Manager no later than December 15, 2009.

DAYTON 2010 — Thinking ahead, the Dayton Hamvention will be the weekend of 14-16 May 2010 with the annual Board Meeting on Thursday, May 13th. A QCWA general meeting will be held during the Hamvention, time and location to be determined. Further details will be published in the spring Journal and placed on the QCWA web page.

QCWA SCHOLARSHIPS — Again this year, we are happy to provide the photos and a summary of the activities of our QCWA Scholarship winners for 2009. QCWA congratulates all the winners and wish them the best in their schooling! Our thanks also to the Foundation of Amateur Radio for their support in reviewing all the applications received each year, and for their effort in selecting the winners. This effort is accomplished at no cost to QCWA.

CHAPTER WEB PAGES — Bob Roske, changing from his "President's hat" to his "Web Master hat", has been posting links on the QCWA web page to various chapter web pages. This allows those chapters to post various activities, which may be of interest to local hams or even members who might be traveling through the area. While you might not have anyone in your chapter who has the computer programs or skills to prepare a web page, Bob can help by listing the important contact information for your chapter on a generic web page. Send him an e-mail with the info desired.

Earlier this year, the QCWA web page was moved to a new host with the help of Howard Cunningham, WD5DBC. Thanks, Howard, for your efforts on this move.

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Jan and I send greetings and best wishes to everyone as we celebrate the upcoming holiday season!

Chuck, K1IGD, General Manager

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QCWA Scholarship Winners

QCWA NAMED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Alfred Burke, W3VR, Memorial Scholarship: \$2000.00**
Fynn McPherson, AB3AT – Harrisonburg, VA
- **Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF, Charter Member Scholarship: \$1500.00**
Sabra Perry, KD7JPR – Sweet Home, OR
- **Leland Smith, Sr., W5KL, Memorial Scholarship: \$1500.00**
Stephen Sciarini, KC8IDJ – Dover, OH
- **Travis Baird, W9VQD, Memorial Scholarship: \$1500.00**
Jonathan Troup, KØDE
- **Donald & Phyllis Doughty Family Scholarship: \$1400.00**
Lauren Rice, KC2LR – Syracuse, NY
- **Edwin P. Woodruff, W3SX, Memorial Scholarship: \$1200.00**
Nicholas Bauer, KC9GZY – Bloomington, IN
- **Jacob-Keller, W3DUG-W4ZC Memorial Scholarship: \$1200.00**
Brendan McDonald, VA3BJM – Dryden, ON Canada
- **Wes Randles, W4COW, Memorial Scholarship: \$1100.00**
Jeremy Pedersen, AB3DL, Milford, DE
- **Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ, Family Living Scholarship: \$1000.00**
Kayla Check, N8KAY – Independence, OH

QCWA SILENT KEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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Lori Rose, N9BRH – Franklin, IN
Edward Schell, KC2TGD – Montauk, NY
Jack Short, KCØQIO – Columbia, MO
Stephen Simpson, KC8IY – Ocala, FL
John Sohl, KG4WWE – Shepherdsville, KY

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Fynn McPherson, AB3AT

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I am a freshman biomedical engineering major at Case Western University in Cleveland, OH. I have been a licensed Amateur Radio operator since 2000, when I was in 5th grade and first discovered the world of ham radio, achieving the Extra class level in 2003. I have been active off and on since then, and even operated briefly in Australia while I worked there for 6 months last year using the call VK2AQB. I am planning on using the Case Western Ham Radio Club station, W8EDU while I am here. I am planning on either attending medical school or physical therapy school after I graduate, but plan on remaining active in the amateur radio community. ■

Jeremy Pedersen, AB3DL

I am a Computer Engineering student at the University of Delaware, minoring in Computer Science. My interests are in high performance computing and in collecting old computer "junk" with which I can clutter up my room. Currently, I am active in the Linux User's Group, which has some crossover with the amateur radio club. I am working on becoming a VE so I can assist the University's amateur radio club in bringing in new members, as it has been a rough couple of semesters for them. In my spare time, I am trying to build a small cluster so that I can learn the basics of parallel



Jeremy Pedersen, AB3DL

programming. I hope also to have some time to build some HF gear, as I am currently limited to a 2M handheld. ■

Alexander Jasper, KB9TTO

I am a junior at the University of Minnesota, majoring in Bioproducts Engineering. I am active in the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Education, and hope to attain an internship abroad this coming summer. I enjoy storm chasing and contesting with my dad, NE9U, who got me started in Amateur Radio. Outside of Amateur Radio, I spend my time running, golfing, and skiing. ■

Jonathan Troup, K0DE

Jonathan is a 22-year old Amateur Extra currently attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a second-year graduate student and teaching assistant. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colorado State University in May 2008, earning a B.S. in Mathematics. He heard about amateur radio through his family and shortly after receiving his novice license, discovered an amateur radio club for kids called BARC Jr. This organization helped him earn his Extra within the same year, when he was 12 years old. Jonathan still greatly enjoys ham radio contests and Morse code. ■



Alexander Jasper, KB9TTO

Kerry Manderbach, K0XOK

Kerry Manderbach is an adult student who has returned to college in order to complete his education. He has an Associate of Science in Mass Communications, and is seeking a Bachelor's of Science in Media Studies with an emphasis on broadcasting. He attends the University of Missouri at St. Louis, and participates in many charitable activities through his membership in several student organizations on campus. Kerry is a co-founder of "The U-UMSL Student Radio" at the University, and helped set up broadcasting facilities for the station along with advisor Dr. Charles Granger (KB0PCZ) and IT Specialist Marcel Bectoldt (N9NJY). Kerry enjoys working 2, 40 and 75 meters, as well as 70CM. He is an avid SWL and participates in the activities of the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club. Kerry is working towards his Extra Class ticket and is a SkyWarn Spotter for his local A.R.E.S. ■

William Chimel, KB3HUG

I am the fourth ham in our family. My father, WA3LWR, is a QCWA member, and my mother, Sue, KD3GG, will soon be licensed long enough to be a QCWA. My brother, KA3SRC, just graduated from Pennsylvania State University with an Information Technology degree, double minors, and high honors. I enjoy VHF and UHF contacts as well as satellite communi-



Jonathan Troup, K0DE



Kerry Manderbach, K0XOK



William Chimel, KB3HUG

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Jack Short, KC0QIO

cations, and hope to upgrade to General this year.

I am active with our APRS network, as well as remote packet node system, ARES and RACES. I have also served as an officer in some of the local clubs and assisted in teaching various ham radio classes over the years. It is my hope to follow in a similar path to my brother's and obtain degree in Information Technology. I hope to be able to combine it with my amateur radio interests and provide a new service to hams. ■

Jack Short, KC0QIO

Jack H. Short is a first-year medical student at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. A 2009 graduate from Mizzou (B.S. Biology), he has been an active ham and weather spotter in Columbia, MO and his hometown, Kansas City, MO. He has been active in amateur radio since 2003, and has chaired numerous field day activities with his club, the Northeast Kansas ARC (K0HAM). Being involved in ham radio helped Jack further his interests in science and community involvement, as well as meet many new friends. Recommended by QCWA member Lee Bergren, W0AR (sk), Jack hopes to keep meeting new friends around the world, and sharing the spirit of volunteerism and activism that is amateur radio. ■



Lauren Rice, KC2LR

Edward Schell, KC2TGD

There have been a lot of changes in my life since graduation from East Hampton High School. A summer work experience arranged by a Ham Radio friend opened new doors for me. I changed my major to Electrical Engineering, and am attending Clemson University in South Carolina. After setting up my apartment and computer, I gained permission to put up an antenna on the top of the building. It still needs some tweaking, but I am able to get some RF out. Over Labor Day weekend, I attended the Shelby Hamfest in Charlotte, North Carolina. Now I am trying to join up with the Clemson Amateur Radio Club. As you can see, Ham Radio is a huge part of my life. ■

Stephen Sciarini, KC8IDJ

At the age of eleven I passed the Technician Class Amateur Radio License issued by the Federal Communications Commission and currently hold an Extra Class License. In January 2004, I received certification through the Amateur Radio Relay League to administer amateur radio examinations. I am a member of the Massillon Amateur Radio Club and the American Radio Relay League. My father, mother, and sister also hold Extra Class licenses and are volunteer examiners.

Some of the projects that I designed



Edward Schell, KC2TGD

and/or built include four channel mixer, vacuum tube display, CW keyer, infrared PLC remote control, 2 meter repeater, PSK31 transceiver, ChemE car wireless data acquisition & sensor circuitry (for a team of students in the Chemical Engineering Department) and wireless MIDI accordion. In April of this year, — classmate Josh A. Boley and I placed first in the 5th Annual Computer Science Day with our senior seminar project entitled "Legendary Rock Bot" at the University of Akron.

I enjoy participating in field day and fox hunts.

This fall I started classes for a Master's Degree in Computer Science at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio. ■

Stephen Simpson, KC8IOY

Stephen Simpson, KC8IOY is a 20 year-old student currently studying for a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering at the University of Florida, where he is a fifth year engineering student, after which he plans on pursuing a Master of Science degree in Computer Engineering at the University of Florida. He transferred from Central Florida Community College after receiving an Associate of Arts degree, along with Associate of Science degrees in Computer Engineering Technology, Computer Information Technology, and Internet Services Technology. Stephen was



Stephen Sciarini, KC8IDJ



Stephen Simpson, KC8IOY



Nicholas Bauer, KC9GZY



Sabra Perry, KD7JPR

first licensed as a Technician when he was 8 years old, and presently holds a General class license. Stephen is President of the Gator Amateur Radio Club at UF, is a member of IEEE, Golden Key International Honor Society, Eta Kappa Nu electrical and computer engineering honor society, serves as webmaster for the Friendship Amateur Radio Club, of which he is a member, and also serves as webmaster for the Ocala Chapter 62 QCWA. He is the son of W8EK and N8AJU, and grandson of WA8ETW. ■

Nicholas Bauer, KC9GZY

This fall I will be entering my junior year at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business in Bloomington, Indiana. I am double majoring in accounting and finance and pursuing a five-year program to receive my bachelor's degree as well as a Master's of Professional Accounting (MPA) at Indiana University. After I complete these degree programs I will be eligible to take the CPA exam and pursue a career in the accounting industry.

I currently volunteer an average of five to six hours a week with the Argus Canine Search and Rescue Team in my hometown of Bloomington, Indiana. I actively participate in helping to reinforce training and various skills for five to ten dogs and handlers. We actively use amateur radio communications during training sessions. I also



Daniel Ellis, KG4IVC

currently serve as the team financial officer with responsibilities for maintaining team financial records. At Indiana University, I have participated in juggling club events and accounting case competitions. I am also a trained SKYWARN Severe Storms Spotter through the National Weather Service and a nationally certified amateur radio Volunteer Exam Coordinator by the Amateur Radio Relay League and W5YI Amateur Radio Group. ■

Sabra Perry, KD7JPR

I am 20 years old and a Junior in the nursing program through Oregon Health and Science University. I'd like to work as a pediatric oncology nurse. I hold an Extra Class License and am a volunteer examiner. I taught a Technician class as the Secretary of the Ham Radio Club at the Oregon Institute of Technology and plan on teaching a class again this fall.

Daniel Ellis, KG9IVC

Daniel Ellis, son of Kirk and Robin Ellis, of Pikeville, NC attends N.C. State University to study Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management. Daniel first acquired his amateur radio license at the age of 11. At N.C. State, Daniel is active with Student Media, has written for the Raleigh television station, WRAL, and has worked as a member of the N.C. State Union Activities Board. In



John Sohl, KG4WWE

addition, he also volunteers his time at a Raleigh community center, the community soup kitchen, and with activities at the annual State Fair. Daniel plans on pursuing a career in program management or event planning.

John Sohl, KG4WWE

Wow. I couldn't be more surprised by this award. I've been an amateur radio operator since I was about 12 years old when my dad taught a class for my scout troop. I'm 18 years old now and am attending WKU in Bowling Green, KY to major in Broadcast Journalism. I was active in the St Aloysius Radio Club, a big project school and assisted occasionally after my graduation from grade school. I'm currently a General Class Operator, but my scope of activities is not limited to ham radio, alone.

In high school, I maintained a 3.89 GPA, graduating 3rd in my class. For my senior project, I spearheaded a theological program based on the Church's teachings on the Theology of the Body. It lasted for twelve weeks and I personally accumulated nearly 70 service hours. On top of that, I have a gift at the piano, train altar servers at my local parish, was a starting pitcher for my Varsity Baseball Team, attained the Rank of Life Scout in my troop, and have worked numerous organizations like the Red Cross, Special Needs Baseball, and



Blake P. McCabe, KC2QGX



Kayla Check, N8KAY



Lori Rose, N9BRH

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Stephen Oi, NV6A

Summer Camp for Kids Diagnosed with Cancer. As I look back on all that I have done, I realize I have done a lot, but I couldn't be prouder to have received this scholarship to help in my future success. Thanks again and 73! ■

Blake P. McCabe, KC2QGX

Blake P. McCabe is a 19 year old, 3rd generation ham, first licensed at age 10 as a Technician and now holds a General Class License. She has been active in the Binghamton Amateur Radio club including holding the position of past secretary. She was an emergency operator for 3 Empire State Games. Blake is a sophomore music education major at Mansfield University and is on the Mansfield University Spirit and the Pride Marching Band Drumline.

Kayla Check, N8KAY

Kayla Check, N8KAY, is 19 years old and will be a sophomore at Kent State University in the fall. She is a Nursing major and hopes to one day combine her nursing and amateur radio skills to help people. Currently Kayla holds an Extra Class License and has taken emergency service training through the ARRL. ■

Lori Rose, N9BRH

Lori Rose, N9BRH, became a ham in 1980 when she earned her Novice License while still in elementary school. She upgraded to Technician Class in 1981. She was active in the Wabash County Amateur Radio Club with her father, N9AFI, and her mother, N9BRH, until Lori moved out of the area to attend college.

Lori attended the University of Indianapolis from 1987-1991, earning a B.A. in psychology. Lori is currently a student at Ivy Tech Community College in Columbus. Lori is in her final year of nursing school and plans to work as an RN in a local hospital upon her graduation. While at Ivy Tech she has been honored to be



Brendan McDonald, VA3BJM

named to the Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and named a DiMichieli Scholar in 2008 and 2009.

Lori and her husband, Eric, live in Franklin, Indiana with their three children. Lori is active in her church and in her children's schools. Lori enjoys playing tennis and training in tae kwon do. ■

Stephen Oi, NV6A

Ham radio has been more than just a hobby – it has given me direction for my education as well as the financial assistance, not mentioning the fine people I have come to know. Although I have been a ham more than half of my life, it will be another dozen years until I am eligible for the QCWA membership. The day I turned 18 years old, I signed up to be a volunteer examiner with the ARRL VEC and I was the youngest VE in the nation. I look forward a day when I will be the youngest (or maybe one of the younger) QCWA member. In the mean time, I will use the scholarship money wisely to be able to graduate from the University of Tennessee. ■

Brendan McDonald, VA3BJM

My hometown is Dryden, Ontario, Canada. My parents, grandparents, aunt and uncle, as well as many family friends are qualified Amateur Radio operators. My uncle, Scott Moody-VA3EXT, got me interested in amateur radio; he supplied me with all of the materials I need to get my licenses. My grandfather, Neil Moody, VE3VNM, encouraged me to get my basic license, and gave me my 2m handheld as a gift for succeeding. At the age of 12, I got my basic qualifications and 6 months later my Morse code, and finally at 13, I completed my advanced qualification. I can still remember one of my first contacts made to Italy while I was driving with my uncle. Memories like that make this hobby all worthwhile.

I am studying Linguistics at the University of Ottawa with hopes of going into



Christina Check, W8HBI

Audiology. I have also been a volunteer in my community.

I am proud to promote Amateur radio to those I meet. ■

Christina Check, W8HBI

Christina Check, W8HBI, is 39 years old and is working on completing a Bachelor's Degree in Technical Management with a concentration in Accounting. Christina holds an Extra Class License and has taken three levels of emergency service training through the ARRL. ■

Lauren Rice, KC2LR, is 18 years old and lives in Syracuse, NY. She is a freshman at Cornell University this fall and is majoring in biological sciences. She has her Extra class license and was first licensed at the age of 10. She has been very active in her community amateur radio club, RAGS, participating in numerous community service activities such as communications for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the YMCA triathlon and the Mountain Goat Run. She also participated in a Department of Environmental Conservation study of the endangered Indiana bat, tracking their nesting patterns using radio tags. Lauren is thrilled to be attending Cornell this fall and would like to thank the QCWA for their generous scholarship. ■



Rules and Regs Digest

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Shall Not Perish

Good morning, Volunteer-examiner Coordinators. Welcome to Gettysburg and the 2009 VEC Conference. Keeping with the long-ago established protocol for an address delivered on these hallowed grounds, only this morning during the ride from Washington was this humble report jotted down on the back of an envelope.

We have been using our National Park Service Senior Pass to visit as many United States battlefields as possible. It is amazing that most of our Nation's battles, like Gettysburg, have been fought in National and State Parks.

Threescore and 15 years ago our fathers brought forth to this continent a new Communication Act; conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that our American public would benefit from the regulation of interstate and foreign communications transmitted by wire or radio. Included in that law were provisions for some very uniquely-qualified people: duly authorized persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.

Their purpose was to empower these amateur operators to carry out self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations. The FCC was created therewith and directed to prescribe the qualifications of radio operators, classifying them according to the duties to be performed, fixing the forms of such licenses, and issuing them to persons found to be qualified.

The FCC thereupon codified those directives into its rules: To become duly authorized, a license grant must be requested and the person must pass an examination sufficient to prove possession of the operational and technical qualifications necessary to perform properly the duties of an amateur operator.

After a half-century of preparing and administering those examinations, the FCC was further authorized to accept the voluntary and uncompensated services of amateur operators to carry out these tasks. It was directed to prescribe rules for selecting, overseeing, sanctioning and dismissing any person so accepted.

Now we are engaged in our great volunteer examiner system, testing whether our system - or any system so conceived and so dedicated - can long endure. We are assembled here to confer with the FCC and to plan for the future. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

We must remember that our VEs have their unique tasks to carry out: they must prepare each question on each pool; they must prepare each question set according to instructions from their volunteer-examiner coordinator or obtain them from a supplier; they must administer the examinations; they must determine the correctness of the examinee's answers. They do a superb job.

We must also remember that you VECs also have your FCC-assigned coordination tasks to carry out. You must seek a broad representation of amateur operators to be VEs. You must determine that the volunteer is competent to perform the VE functions. You must determine that no questions of the person's integrity or honesty could compromise the examinations. You must not discriminate in accrediting VEs on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin; nor on the basis of membership in an amateur service organization; nor on the basis of the person accepting or declining to accept reimbursement.

All fourteen VECs, additionally, must cooperate in maintaining one question pool for each examination element, giving assurance that there is uniformity in the questions being asked regardless of where they are administered.

With these responsibilities in mind, here are my recommendations:

Make public your VEC instructions to VE Teams.

Disclose to all volunteers your conditions for VE accreditation so that they can make an informed choice when selecting the VEC to coordinate their work. Document your policies such that all VEs know what they are.

Repudiate your call to make "... the amateur service accessible to as many citizens as possible."

Part 95 already provides citizens and non-citizens alike with access to HF CB, VHF Multi-Use, and UHF Family and General Mobile Personal Radio Services. No examination is required. In most of these, the license grant is by rule. They are domestic services; they are not recognized nor is spectrum allocated internationally. Experimentation is not allowed. Equipment type certification, moreover, is mandatory.

Our rules Part 97, however, in addition to the Communications Act and the international Radio Regulations, say that our service is for those aforementioned uniquely-qualified amateur operators. Equipment

type certification is not required. Experimentation, rather, is expected and encouraged.

Do not blur the distinction between CB and amateur. Stand against the trivialization of our radio service. Enable our VEs to fulfill their duties so as to allow our amateur service community to uphold its reputation of high standards of legitimacy in being beneficial to the American public.

Adopt a set of VEC instructions to your Question

Pool Committee. You have created your question pool committee to carry out your obligation. Very few VECs, however, have ever participated on your committee. Become involved! Cooperate, at least, by joining with the other VECs in developing a set of instructions for your committee to follow. Because your QPC members are subject to change every year, a set of agreed-to instructions can help assure continuity and demonstrate permanence in that your considered policy is directing your question pool-maintaining process.

A noteworthy commerce has evolved for providing examination preparation services. Its practitioners, their employees and associates depend upon your question pools. It is their lifeblood. Your obligation, nevertheless, is to maintain your question pools for the VEs. Frequent revisions obviously benefit exam preparation services commerce, but the constant churning of the questions disadvantages the examinees, the VEs and our instructors. It obsolesces and disrupts unreasonably their administration and training materials and curricula.

Do not tolerate your pools being revised unnecessarily. Only revamp a pool when it needs updating because of rule amendments or evolving good amateur and engineering practices.

You are exceptionally fortunate to have (QCWA Member) Rol Anders as your Question Pool Committee chair. In the Baltimore area, he is our most respected amateur radio instructor and expert. He loves to teach. He is unencumbered by any examination preparation services commerce. Do not let him get away.

Comply fully with the FCC element standards. First and foremost, a working knowledge of the pertinent FCC rules is fundamental to operating an amateur station properly. Also required is an understanding of our good amateur and good engineering practices, along with a grasp of the related technical rudiments sufficient to make those rules and practices meaningful. Keep on track! You have no rightful excuse to shape the pools to manipulate licensing trends or to facilitate commerce.

On my website is a list of the technical terms taken from the FCC rules that need to be understood in order for the rules and practices to make sense.

Do not compromise any question just to satisfy the constraints of the multiple-choice format. Enable our VEs to prepare, administer and grade in the format of their choice. Although it is probably the most widely administered type, that lowly-regarded multiple-choice

answer format is not an FCC rule requirement. Unless you condition your VE accreditation upon the volunteer's consent to administer only multiple-choice examinations, it is not obligatory.

Heretofore, the FCC staff examiners also employed a no-knowledge-to-grade multiple-choice format. Holding an amateur operator license grant, however, was not in their position descriptions. The questions and answers, moreover, were not disclosed beforehand.

Our VE system cannot lay claim to any similar justification. Every VE must have passed not only the examination element that he or she is preparing or administering but also the next higher element, where there is one. Your multiple-choice format, with the exact questions and answers publicized beforehand encourages quickie memorization rather than beneficial learning.

For example, the very first statement codified in Part 97 is the basis and purpose for the rules in locations where the FCC regulates the amateur radio service. Any person seeking a license should be aware of the FCC's expectations on how he or she is to make use of the privileges conferred thereby. Hence, those fundamental principles should be addressed in the very first examination for a license. Your multiple-choice format question and answer character constraints, however, will not accommodate it satisfactorily. The question-preparing VE, therefore, must dumb-down the question to fit your 210-character constraint. One shortcut is to state briefly the knowledge amateur operator needs to know and then simply ask the examinee to identify its source; maybe something like this:

T1A01 (97.1)(a) Voluntary noncommercial communications, technology, skills, operators, technicians, electronics experts, international goodwill are the objectives for the amateur service of which authority?

- A. FCC
- B. ITU
- C. FEMA
- D. OSTP

It looks like it addresses the basis and purpose of the rules. But it is not the fundamental expertise a truly qualified FCC-licensed amateur operator must possess. That knowledge has been subjugated to satisfy the constraints of your limiting format.

Don't take our spectrum for granted. We are all concerned about disturbing news reports of spectrum demands for Internet services. The BPL may be only the opening shot. Congress now knows of the billions that can be raised through auctions. Let's try our very best to retain our spectrum for those genuine uniquely-qualified amateur operators. If your question pools are not correct, our VEs' efforts are meaningless. Get your pools right.

The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what we do here. It is for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us: that every person in America for whom our spectrum is

allocated goes on to qualify fully for an amateur operator license and uses it forever after in doing that for which it is intended.

And our amateur radio services shall not perish from the earth.

Have a great conference and thank you.

John B. Johnston W3BE, Vice-Chair NCVEC, July 24, 2009

Read the rules - Heed the rules

Have a question about the amateur service rules? Visit <http://www.w3BEInformed.org> and e-mail john@johnston.net.

The Rules Say... appears monthly in WorldRadio Online at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>.



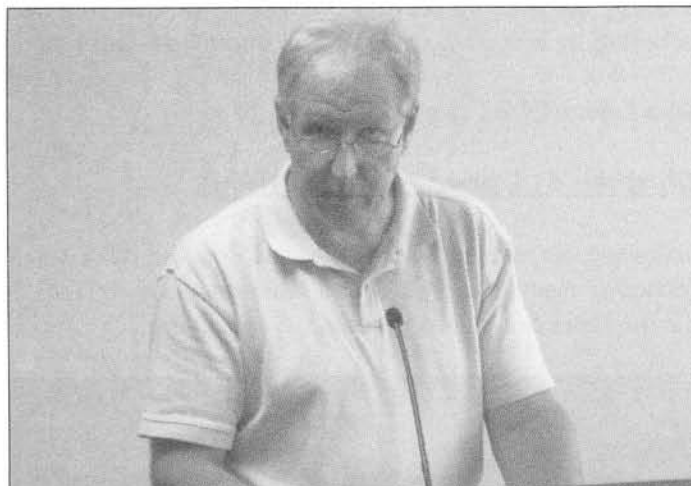
Laura Smith from the FCC Enforcement Bureau presents a report.



QCWA members in attendance at the 2009 VEC Conference (l to r): Gordon Girton, W6NW, Sunnyvale VEC; Norm Harrill, N4NH, Western Carolina VEC; R.C. Smith, W6RZA, Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group; Billy Stewart, WA4PVI, W4VEC, VEC; Fred Maia, W5YI, W5YI, VEC; Rol Anders, K3RA, Laurel, VEC; John B. Johnston, W3BE, LARC-VEC.



Pat Rinn (at lectern) and Dorothy Conway from the FCC Office of Managing Director make a presentation.



Bill Cross from the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau fields a question from an attendee.



While in Gettysburg, a visit was made to the new shack of ham radio's best friend: QCWA Chesapeake Chapter No. 20 member, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH.



CHAPTER reports



Please send the reports to: Chuck Walbridge, General Manager, to arrive **NO LATER** than the following dates: January 1 for Spring, April 1 for Summer, July 1 for Fall and October 1 for Winter. Reports received later than the deadline may not be published in the Journal! See below for Chapter Report submittal requirements!

Chapter 1, Cleveland (OH)

Our yearly awards and recognition luncheon in October honors a number of our special members. This year, QCWA certificates were presented to the following:

50-year Gold to John Petkac, K8NMY; and James Pracker, K8QOT. 55-Years to David Dennis, W8DDD; and Donald Sealy, W8QKO. 70-Years to Kirk Sanderson, W8WNA. 75-Years to Robert Briggs, W8MMC. QCWA Century Club Certificates to Marvin Grossman, W8AZO, and George Keltner, K8SGM. Congratulations to all!

West side coverage of the chapter's Wednesday night net (146.850, 8:00 p.m.) has improved with a new receiver input in Royalton. The antenna is 400 feet tall, and fills the holes that the East Side receiver doesn't hear.

We regret the passing of Joe Zelle, W8FAZ, a long-time member of Chapter One, at age 97.

D.E. "Dee" Logan, W1HEO, Editor

Chapter 6, Pittsburgh (PA)

Chapter 6 held its fall 2009 meeting at its regular venue of Rocky's II in McKees Rocks, PA. We were pleased to welcome new members and visitors: Lloyd Craft, KA3MSE, Bob McCloskey, W3RJM, and his son, Rob, W3RTM. Special guests were Don Kunst, W3LNE, and his son, Garrison, KB3LEZ, who drove over four hours to attend our meeting and hear their father and grandfather speak about his early days in radio. The visit was kept a secret from our speaker, Art Kunst, W3WM and his wife, Sylbia, KB3HYV. Needless to say, they were quite surprised to see their son and grandson show up for the meeting.

Art Kunst, W3WM, spoke about his early interest in radio as a young school boy growing up in Chicago during the Great Depression. He related teaching himself the



Three generations of Kunst Family operators at Chapter 6 Meeting.

code and the terror of taking the radio exam before the Radio Inspector in Chicago. He also told of the difficulties encountered in obtaining parts with little or no money during the 1930s, and the bias of some old timers who held lower class licenses than he did at such a young age. Art's early interest in radio would go on to serve him well in both the military and civilian sectors in his adult life, and he remains active to this day.

Chapter 6 meets on a quarterly basis and interested amateurs can get details of chapter activities from Brian Roberts, K9VKY, directly, or by checking into the Sunday morning net at 0830 prevailing time on 147.03+. The net is hosted by Bruce Murray, N3GHI, and all are welcome.

Brian Roberts, K9VKY, Chapter Scribe

Chapter 8, Upper Midwest (MN)

Following our summer hiatus, Chapter 8 kicked off a new season of meetings with a round table discussion by the 12 members and guests present.

ATTENTION! QCWA Chapter Report Guidelines: All Chapter reports will need to follow these limits set by the Publications Standing Committee: **500 words and two photos maximum.** When taking photos, group together those receiving awards rather than individual photos. Those can always be posted on a Chapter webpage. When a Chapter report is submitted, please include the Chapter number in the title and the the subject line of your email and with any photos submitted. **Don't forget to send us photo CAPTIONS!** Preferred formats for the reports are: Word (.doc), rtf or plain text. Photos should be a **minimum** of 4 inches wide, grayscale format and at 200dpi. Larger is fine as they can be scaled down. .JPG or .TIF format is best.

The highlights of the business meeting included the fact that Don Johnston, WØJBX, was appointed as a Chapter Director during the Summer to fill the vacancy left when John Fox, WØLER, became our Vice President. Our Treasurer, Tom Steele, AAØHQ, reported we have 42 members and are in the black. The door prizes were won by WØTLE, WDØGUP, WØJBX and KØMWC.

Our November program will be on the Member Assistance Program, "MAP" by a Representative from the Stillwater Amateur Radio Assoc. (SARA).

The Holiday Party is December 12 and the program will be on a pilot program currently run by the St. Paul Radio Club that provides mentoring to youth at the Washington Magnet Middle School.

In January several members of the Bakken Amateur Radio Society will talk about supporting the MS-150 Bike Race.

Our Chapter nets meet Saturday morning on 3.908 MHz at 0800 central time, Baldy, WØOFY, is our NCS. Then, between Sept and May at 0900 central time Jack, NØGI, is NCS on 145.450 MHz. This repeater is connected to Echolink (89680) with no PL tone, please join us.

Bob Roske, Chapter 8 Secretary

Chapter 11, Northern CA (CA)

See special mention in the Presidents Report - page 3!

Chapter 12, Andy Clark (FL)

Chapter 12 is holding its monthly meetings at Piccadilly Classic American Cooking, 8301 West Flager St., Miami, FL the third Saturday of each Month at 12 Noon. At our September meeting Harry Pilafian, W4SQG, was awarded his Distinguished Member Award for 70 Years of service, Don Search, W3AZD, was awarded his 55-Year Award. The following members not in attendance were also awarded, Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, 55 years of service, Marion Rauch, WB4RFB, 55 years of service and



Harry Pilafian W4SQG was awarded his Distinguished Member award for 70 Years of service, Don Search W3AZD was awarded his 55 year award.

Ted Schempp, K4ONY 50 Years of service. Please join us. Visitors are always welcome.

Art Rauch, W4VZ, Secretary

Chapter 19, Missouri (MO)

Saturday, August 8, 2009, Chapter 19 held its annual picnic. Although the temperature was a little high, we were in the shade and had a pleasant breeze all day. Turnout was good and all attendees had plenty to eat and drink.

Special thanks once again to Charles Navel, K0CW for reserving the shelter at Kirkwood Park and also picking up the food at KFC. Thanks once again to Ken Scott, W9VHL, for bringing the refreshments and ice chests.

Chapter 19 will again have a table at the St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club Hamfest on January 30, 2010. We display our banner with hopes of attracting new members. The table also serves as a gathering place for fellow members.

Our weekly Net Control station Bill Bell, W9BEL, would like to invite QCWA members traveling thru St. Louis to please check in. This net meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm on two meters at 147.360 MHz.

John Germanos, WB9PNU, Secretary/Treasurer



The folks from Chapter 19 at their annual picnic!

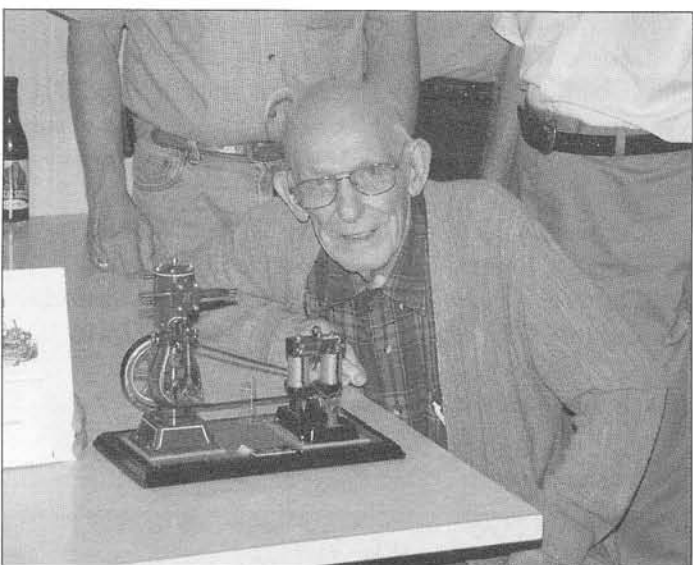
Chapter 20, Chesapeake (MD)

Chesapeake Chapter No. 20 had its Fall Picnic at the home of John Johnston, W3BE on September 14. Twenty-two members and spouses attended. The food was great and a good time was had by all.

Chapter 20 invites the ladies to attend our luncheon every month, but especially on the first Monday of the



Chapter 20 ladies at Labor Day luncheon.



Jules, KOZMA, and his model steam engine.

month. September 7 (Labor Day) saw a great turnout of our ladies at our weekly luncheon.

We encourage our members to bring "show and tell" items to our weekly meetings, whether a QSL from a rare DX station, pictures of home stations, home-built rigs, or other items.

On September 7, Chapter 20 member Jules Kozma, KOZMA, demonstrated one of his three miniature steam engines. The one pictured above is a working reproduction of an Edison 100 KW bipolar electric dynamo. Jules crafted and assembled it, working only from a single drawing shown in a 1900-era electrical handbook. After fashioning the various parts in wood patterns, they were cast in bronze and machined to final size.

Travelers Note: Anyone in the Baltimore/Annapolis area on Thursday evenings can join us on the Chesapeake Chapter Net, at 2000 on the Jessup, MD repeater (146.76 MHz). KR3AB will be Net Control Station. We "Meet and Eat" every Monday at Noon at Cactus Willie's

Steak and Buffet, Glen Burnie, MD, across Rt 2 from the Empire Towers. Talk in on 146.52 until Noon. For info, contact Russ Slye/N3GT at greenflash@aol.com.

Russ Slye, N3GT, Secretary

Chapter 21, Canton (OH)

Our quarterly meeting was held August 15, 2009 at the home of Mel, W8MV, and Martha Vie in Akron, Ohio. Seven members and eight guests were present. Chapter President, Ed Clinger, WA8DRT, welcomed us all and had us introduce ourselves before we had a delicious outdoor lunch. The weather was beautiful and after lunch Mel took us on a 90- minute ride around the Portage Lakes in his pontoon boat, where we enjoyed the peaceful water and varying architecture. Several of us got a bit of a sunburn.

Following the tour a short business meeting was held. President Ed Clinger, WA8DRT, presented Nelson Caley the QCWA certificate recognizing his 60 years of licensing as a Radio Amateur. Certificates were also received for Mae Rauvola, W8EKL, for 60-Years of Licensing and Denny Frey, K8NIB and John Edel, K8LBZ for 50-Years of Licensing and Les Myers, W8TJF, for 55 and 50-Years of Licensing. W8EKL and K8NIB, K8LBZ and W8TJF will receive their certificates at a later date.

Our annual meeting will be held at noon, on Saturday, November 15, 2009. For more information bring up our website at <http://www.cmh.net/qcwa/>

Judy McCune, N8AIM, Secretary. Pictures and some commentary by Joe Vignos, W1FEZ



Nelson Caley, W8EAR (right), past Chapter 21 President receives his 60 -Year Gold Certificate from Ed Clinger, WA8DRT (left).



John Edel, W8LBZ, on left, past Chapter 21 President and past QCWA National Director was presented his QCWA 50-Year Certificate of Licensing at the September 2nd Luncheon gathering at Tim's Tavern in Canton. by Chapter 21 President Ed Clinger, WA8DRT. Ed has been kept busy delivering QCWA Certificates to members absent from the August Meeting. They were joined by Judy, N8AIM; Nelson, W8EAR; and Joe, W1FEZ, at the luncheon.

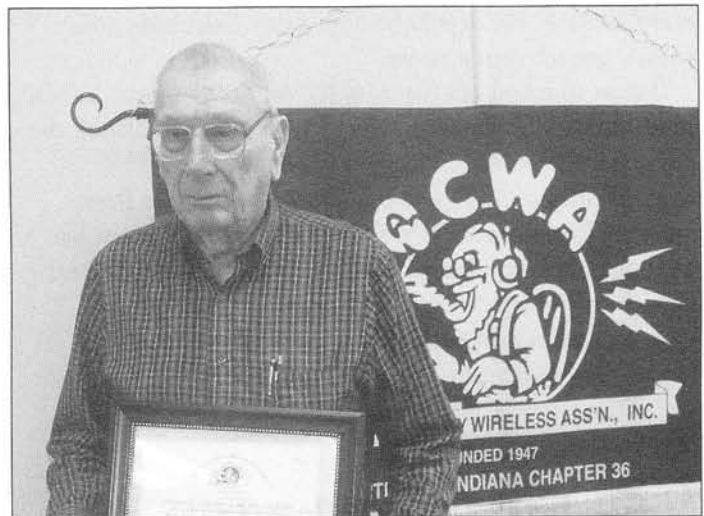
Chapter 36, Northwest Indiana (IN)

Chapter 36 continues to grow and prosper. We now have just over 70 combined members and guests on our roster with our biggest turnout yet (31) for our most recent meeting in September.

Two good friends received awards at our July meeting. Bob Pence, W9ORW, received his 50th Anniversary Award and Fifty Years Continuously-Licensed. And the star of the show was Gene Wiggins, W9CWG, who finally got caught up with FIVE awards: 50th, 55th, and 60th Anniversary Awards, Fifty Years Continuously Licensed, and the prestigious QCWA Century Club Award. He had so many awards we had to roll them in on a handcart! Gene is QCWA Life Member #6040 and our Chapter's only Century Club Award winner. Congratulations guys!

Our July contest was for "strange test equipment" and was won by Dale Kempf, AC2E, with a L&N (Leeds and Northrup) type K potentiometer, probably from the 1920's. Other entries were a small signal injector from Dave Nicolaus, W9DN, an old Eico electronic volt-meter/ohmmeter from John Miller, W9ZG, an old Eico capacitance meter from Troy Harrison, KC9E, and a very interesting device from Carl Hallberg, W9CJH, that measured the thickness of paint on steel... I have no idea what that device is called, but it worked!

Also at the July meeting, Gene, W9CWG, passed around a copy of a signed letter, dated August 10, 1949, from famous electrical engineer Dr. Lee de Forest to James "Doc" Fry (later W9QHW) declining an ARRL invitation to speak at the Mid-West Convention in Omaha. The letter is on American Television, Inc. letterhead (Chicago) where



Gene Wiggins, W9CWG, holding his QCWA Century Club Award.



Bob Pence, W9ORW (right), receives his 50th Anniversary and Fifty Years Continuously-Licensed Awards. Gene Wiggins, W9CWG (center), holding his 60th Anniversary and Century Club Awards while Stan Vandiver, W4SV, supports Gene's other three awards.

Dr. de Forest was Director of Research. Gene has the original of this letter.

In August, the "unusual microphone" contest was won by Bruce Balsley, W9OTN, with his "Arthur Godfrey" special. John, W9ZG, also brought a wireless VOX microphone setup. A special contest to find the middle name of our famous Charter Member Herbert S. Brier, W9EGQ, had no winners and was carried over to September.

September's contest was for the "most interesting handgun" (photos only)... and it wasn't even won by a handgun at all! The handgun look-a-like tennis-ball-antenna-launcher by George Kelly, K9WWT, and Tom Ruggles, W8FIB, claimed the top spot. There were some great entries though... from Star Trek phasers, to a starter pistol, to some very interesting real firearms. And we had a winner for the Herb Brier middle name contest this time. Chuck Hill, KC9OYE, collected a \$20 prize by finding a genealogy research death certificate which included the

middle name: Herbert Sebastian Brier. Sebastian was Herb's grandfather's name.

Thanks to members George, K9WWT, and Tom, W8FIB, (and friend John Nason, NA9U) who plan to activate our club call, K9QCW, during the November CW Sweepstakes on Nov. 7th-8th. They will operate from member Dan Scheetz's, W9DWS commercial tower site with antennas up about 200 feet. Good luck guys! And thanks for getting our call on-the-air!

More details and pictures on our website:
<http://chapter36.org>.

Stan Vandiver, W4SV, President

Chapter 41, Barney Moffatt (TX)

Dallas Chapter 41 is deeply saddened to announce the untimely deaths of members Barney Moffatt, W5CJZ, and Jack Dye, W5LUE, which were unexpected. Barney, who in 2007 was featured in a Journal article upon being awarded a 75-Year Operating Certificate, led an active life up to the last at age 94. Jack was a long-time member of both the Dallas and Fort Worth chapters and regularly attended the QCWA national conventions with his wife Doris. He was also founder of the "Jack Dye Great Tower Give-A-Way Program" which prepared pool lists of members or surviving family members having useable but no longer needed towers, antennas, radios or accessories to be made available to hams who could put them back into use with distribution made through periodic drawings.

At the June 2009 meeting the following Officer and Director candidates were duly affirmed for the Year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010: President – Larry Essery, K5XG; Vice-President – Steve Brodie, K5ZYX; Secretary-Treasurer – Bert Wells, W5JNK (Editor's note – Bert has since retired after many years of exemplary service in that office.) Directors: Val Erwin, W5PUT; Richard Bauer, K5RB; Bob Olney, N5NT; Roy Costolow, W5ZOZ.

The Chapter welcomes the following new members: Phil Polhemus, WN5DFH; Jim Shugart, N5BKL; Dick Morgan, KF5CMF; Robert Brunskill, KC5GMZ.

Chapter member and National Director Val Erwin, W5PUT, who spends an appreciable amount of time year round on the road representing QCWA at numerous ham-fests, conventions, and informal gatherings, was busily engaged at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention followed by Ham-Com in Plano, Texas which annually attracts a large contingent of hams from north Texas and south Oklahoma. Not surprisingly, Val, in a selfless display of altruism, reiterated his offer to personally extend his recruiting efforts to Hawaii or even the Fiji Islands. While impressed, the chapter's Executive Committee determined that in view of prevailing national economic conditions, this would be an

inopportune time in which to levy an assessment on the Fort Worth chapter in order to cover his travel expenses.

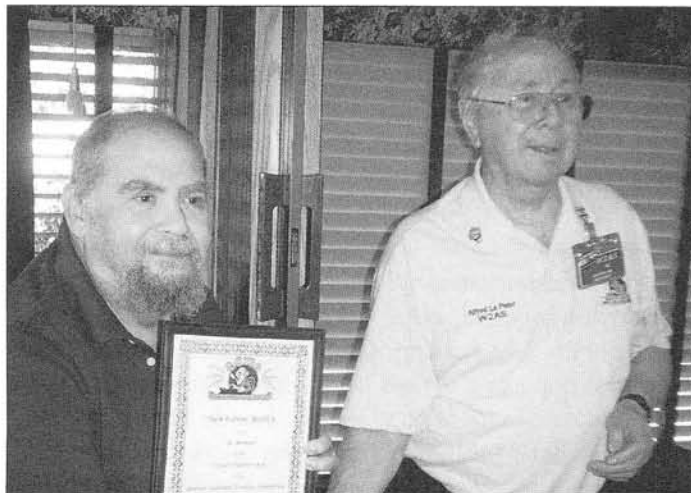
In a recent development (then) Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Wells, reported that the chapter's meeting host, the exclusive MidPoint Restaurant & Club in Dallas, following an in-depth analysis it commissioned, determined that as a result of an unusual year of chapter meetings in which there were no after-meeting reports of shortages of plastic plates, plastic eating utensils, jelly glasses, unusual consumption of paper napkins or condiments, necessity of butter-patty removal from ceiling tiles or ceiling fans, missing autographed pro-wrestler wall posters nor ejection of the maitre d', the customary surety bond and deposit requirements were being waived on a trial basis. Mr. Wells added happily that the resulting financial saving should enable the chapter to resume meeting-notice mailings as well as improve its overall standing in the community.

The chapter meets the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 for lunch or buffet followed by a program at the MidPoint Restaurant & Club in Dallas at the corner of LBJ Freeway and Midway Road. QCWA members, families, guests, and prospective members are invited.

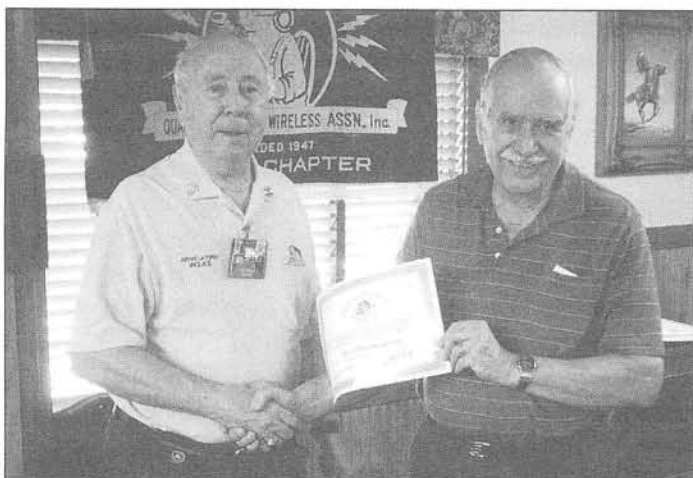
Bob Olney, N5NT, Recording Secretary

Chapter 45, Citrus (FL)

It has been a good quarter for the Chapter and we have only had two health issues but they are coming along fine as of this writing. Our monthly meetings are still well attended by 20 or more members and spouses. Our quarterly dinners have resumed now that some of our members have returned from their summer vacation up north. We look forward to our upcoming QSO Party and hope that our Chapter does participate. Elections are coming up shortly and we hope we get some volunteers to run for



President AL LaPeter, W2AS presents Jack Colton, W2FIA (I), with a QCWA 50 Year Service Award.



VP, Carl Zelich, AA4MI (r), presents Chapter Life Membership award to AL LaPeter, W2AS.



Craig Stewart, W4PHJ (center), receiving his 50-Year Certificate from VP, Dick Kesler, K9BTU, and Pres., Joyce Anderson, K4EER.

office, especially from some of our newer members.

We are pleased to announce that the Chapter has awarded Chapter Life Membership to Mort Cohen, WA2ARS, AL LaPeter, W2AS, and Cloyd Taylor, W4EWZ, for their contributions to our Chapter. In addition, a QCWA Award was presented to Jack Colton, W2FIA, for 50-Years of Continuous-Licensing.

The Chapter owns and operates an open repeater, W4PLA, operating on 147.195 MHz (no tone). Scheduled net is at 1930 hours local time on Tuesday of each week. All hams in the area are invited to check in and anyone passing through at net time is particularly welcome.

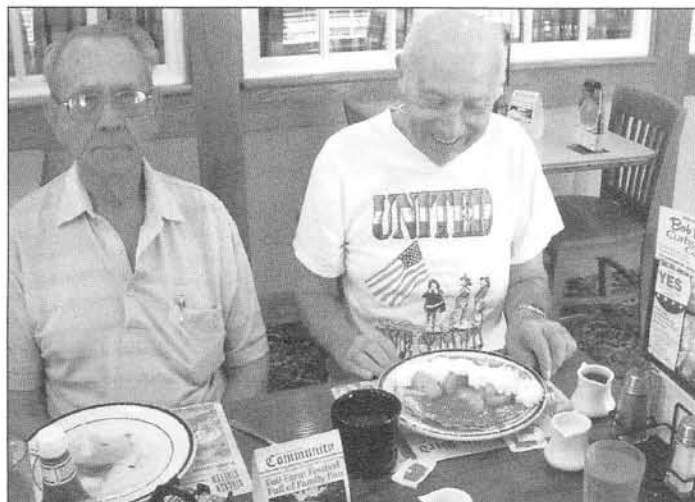
AL LaPeter, W2AS, President

Chapter 48, The Treasure Coast (FL)

We recently honored Craig Stewart, W4PHJ, with his 50-Year Certificate. The presentation was made at our weekly meeting at Bob Evans Restaurant in Vero Beach, FL. Attendance was quite good that day and everyone enjoyed his cake (especially Craig). We hold our informal meetings every week, with members of the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club and other local Hams. The meetings are at Bob Evans Restaurant on route 60 Vero Beach FL. Come join us.

On a more somber note, we regret to report the passing of one of our members. Al Smith, NR2K, became a silent key on August 17, 2009. Al was 84 years old and still active in the local radio club, serving as an officer for many years, and publishing the newsletter. Al was also an ex SeaBee, NY Firefighter, and very active in the local barbershop quartets.

Woody Anderson, K4EBK, Secretary



Al Smith, NR2K, enjoying his favorite lunch (he took most of it home), with Dick Othman, KOATL, at Bob Evans shortly before he passed away.

Chapter 49, Peach State (GA)

It has been a busy quarter since Chapter 49 last reported in to National. Our nets remain active, especially the Saturday morning net that meets at 0900 hrs ET on 3.8575 MHz using the club call sign K4VN. As an aside, remember the days when we measured frequency in "cycles" and not "hertz" and 3.850 Mc would have been just fine? But time marches on and change has generally been for the better. Our second net meets Wednesday nights at 2000 hrs. ET on 145.410 (-) PL 100. If you are in the area or hear us on the air, please feel free to check in and join in on the conversation.

Chapter 49 has been using a new program developed by Dave Bruse, W4DTR, our membership manager to better handle our participation in the QCWA awards program. So far this year we have submitted requests for



The QSL card photograph that will go out to the lucky 819 contacts with W4A.

three 60-Year Awards, seven 55-Year Awards, eleven 50-Year Awards and one Century Award. Doing things manually, we had gotten behind so some individuals got several awards in one mailing! The new system has really helped us stay on top of this one. Congratulations are in order to all the Chapter 49 members who received these awards recognizing many years of service to Amateur Radio.

While we have had interesting programs over the last quarter, Chapter 49 member Brian Page, N4TRB, offered a special program. Brian, along with several other hams traveled to Mobile, Alabama, to put special event station W4A, the WWII battleship USS Alabama, on the air for the Museum Ships special event weekend. Seems Brian's dad had shipped out on the USS Alabama in 1942. We heard all about the logistics, the highs and the lows (like the beautifully mounted 160 meter antenna with a broken connection!) of the adventure. All in all the W4A team completed 819 QSO's for the weekend. The thing that made this presentation even more special was the fact that Brian volunteered at the very last minute, literally, at the meeting, when our scheduled presenter was unable to attend. Thanks, Brian!

We meet the third Saturday of the even months at 12:00 noon most frequently at Ryan's Family Steakhouse in Norcross, Georgia. The exact date, time and location for all activities can be found on our website www.qcwa49.org. Questions or comments should be directed to the club Secretary, John Kludt, K7SYS, at k7sys@arrl.net

John Kludt, K7SYS, Secretary

Chapter 53, Suncoast (FL)

Suncoast Chapter 53 has been enjoying an excellent turnout of participants for our year-round monthly meetings and lunches. During the summer season, when our

Snowbird members are "up yonder," we just have informal lunches June through September, at the Panda Pavilion, 1765 South Tamiami Trail (US 41) in Venice, FL. During those four months, just passed, we averaged 14 Chapter members, family members and friends.

From October through May, Suncoast Chapter 53 meets at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, at 11:30 AM the first Wednesday of the month. All QCWA members living in or visiting the Florida Suncoast are always welcome. Please contact our Secretary, Jack Sproat, W4JS via w4js@juno.com if you are in the area and would like to join with us.

Jack Sproat W4JS, Secretary

Chapter 58, Colorado (CO)

On August 16, the Denver Hamfest was held at the fairgrounds in Golden, CO. As we have in the past, Chapter 58 had a table at the hamfest. Since President Jim, W9KRE, was out of town, Russ Young, WOEXR, was the main contact at the hamfest table, along with John Wallis, W0CGV, Secretary/Treasurer. They were assisted by QCWA Director Ken Simpson, W8EK, and his wife Sue, N8AJU. Quite a few QCWA members signed in, and we recruited a couple new members.

Ken Simpson, W8EK, National Director



Russ Young, WOEXR, and Director, Ken Simpson, W8EK, at the Chapter 58 booth at the Denver, CO, Hamfest.

Chapter 62, Suwannee (FL)

Chapter 62 had enjoyable summer meetings in June and August. At the June meeting it was decided that we needed a new roster. Len, W1GFX, took care of that and a new roster was presented at the August meeting.

Also at the August meeting Ken, W8EK, gave a presentation about his road trip to Alaska and his adventures along the way which included stops to see some QCWA members and officers, and of course some hamfests for QCWA. We are looking forward to some cooler WX and a few more members at our meetings. It looks like we might have at least 6 members who operated during the QCWA fall contest. Ben, N6SL, says 40M CW on Saturday night had the most activity.

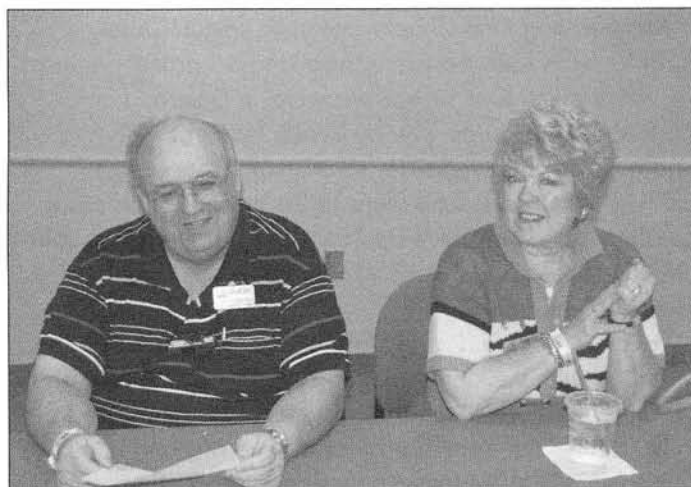
Don't forget our net on Saturday mornings at 9 AM on 3940 KHZ.

Chapter 62 meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. On even-numbered months we meet at The Golden Corral, 2111 SW College Road, Ocala, at 11:30 AM. On odd-numbered months we meet at Dennys Restaurant at the corner of Route 40 and I-75 in Ocala at 5 PM.

Doug Hawkins, W3HH, Recording Secretary

Chapter 63, Oklahoma City (OK)

Another year has come and gone, but if you missed the convention and Chapter Central Oklahoma 63 meeting, on July 25, 2009, at Ham Holiday you truly missed out on one of the best events we've had in several years! The location was great, the vendors enjoyed the location, the climate was great, and there was adequate seating for vendors and visitors, as well. And to top things off, we



QCWA former President, Gary Harrison, and National Director, Carolyn Harrison, at the July, 2009 Chapter 63 quarterly meeting.



(L) Don Shelton, K5OK; (R) Director, Val Erwin, W5PUT.



Lyeal Amos, W5SJC, receives the QCWA Meritorious Service Award from National Directors, Val Erwin, K5PUT, and Carolyn Harrison, WB0OUM, as Chapter 63 President, "Skip" Amis, N5CFM, looks on.

should be at the same location next year.

We celebrated Lyeal Amos, W5SJC, Day. He was presented the Meritorious Service Award for all of the years of service he has so untiringly devoted behind the scenes to the Chapter. Lyeal has held several offices in the Chapter, maintains the Chapter QCWA website, and is the W5HXL Memorial Net custodian and Net Manager. He and his lovely wife, Jean, most always attended all of the Chapter functions and activities together. Lyeal not only received the award, but won the main door prize, a Yaesu FT-60R Dual Band handie-talkie - all in the same day!

The Meritorious Service Award is presented to a chapter member for years of outstanding dedication and service to a chapter. This award cannot be requested, nor be purchased by any QCWA member; it is only presented to one member, once a year, by the officers and the board of directors of a chapter. On hand to present this prestigious award to Lyeal were, Val Erwin, W5PUT, Carolyn Harrison, WB0OUM, both QCWA National Directors, and Dr. Skip Amis, N5CFM, Chapter 63 President.

Another long time Chapter member, Jackie Olsen, K5ENU, won both the preregistration and grand prizes at the swap meet. Our second drawing, a Daiwa, 1.5 KW P.E.P. Wattmeter, was won by Wade Harris, KF5IF. We had over 45 in attendance, so all-in-all, Chapter 63 is still on the rise. Others, who were at the meeting, had many questions; and several were "chomping at the bit" to join QCWA, but lacked 1 or 2 years meeting the requirements. What a deal!

Val Erwin, W5PUT, and Don Shelton, K5OK, did a fantastic job with their presentation of VoIP, ECHOLINK, and QSONET.NET. This was a new concept for many, and it truly "rocked the boat" for all of us with a grand finale - a QSO with QCWA National President Bob Roske, N0UF - old and new alike were totally amazed with the presentation! My son, Jim, was there and now he can hardly wait to get his license. As he put it, "I wished I had become a ham like you did Dad, a long time ago!"

So in closing, I am ever so grateful to all of you who helped out to make this the BEST convention and meeting in a long time. If we begin to start planning now, we can "hit a home run" Chapter 63 meeting and State-Wide QCWA convention next year. Maybe if your schedule permits, you could drop by next year.

Dr. SkipAmis, N5CFM, President

Chapter 64, El Paso (TX)

Howdy from Chapter 64 in El Paso, TX and southern NM where the aroma of roasted green chili fills the air as I write this in September! Welcome to our newest chapter member Al Veed, KM5MB, from Alamogordo, NM. Al is a regular check-in to our Saturday morning net and attends our monthly luncheon meetings along with family members from New Mexico. I suspect we will see additional chapter members from Alamogordo very soon! Al recently received his QCWA 55th Anniversary Award. Congratulations and welcome to our chapter Al and family!

Other chapter news include presentation of QCWA 55th Anniversary Awards to Dorothy, W0SWK; and Dean Figgins, WA7EPU, from Las Cruces, NM, by Secretary-Treasurer, Manny Gonzales, W2BFI. Dean is awarded posthumously as his key is silent this past summer. Welcome back to our Saturday morning net past President, Director, and current Vice-President Bob, Carroll, K5IE. Bob recently installed his 75M antenna at his current QTH and fired up his Kenwood TS-440S. We are glad to hear Bob's strong signal back on the air. Good job Bob!

Our Chapter has a monthly luncheon meeting at Furr's Cafeteria located in the Sunrise Shopping Center in



Manny, W2BFI (R), welcomes Al, KM5MB, to the chapter.



Manny, W2BFI (R), presents 55th Anniversary Awards to Dorothy, K0SWK and Dean Figgins, (WA7EPU, SK).

Northeast El Paso on the third Saturday of each month at 11:30 local. We also enjoy a weekly net on Saturdays at 08:30 local mountain time on 3.933KHz. Net control operators vary using our chapter station call W5RO. Out-of-town check-ins are especially welcome! Adios amigos, be well and God bless!

Rick Rumbaugh, W5PIE, Chapter Director

Chapter 65, Niagara Frontier (NY)

We were quite shocked to see one of our members, Gary Sixt, KB2AK, listed in the Silent Keys column of QST magazine. We haven't heard from him for several months but we were aware that he had some health problems, which he preferred to keep private. He was a fairly reliable check-in to our weekly 75-meter net. None of our members ever met him, and he never attended any of our get-togethers, but he certainly was a friendly and interesting



Bob Rooney, W2AET, treating us to his transmitter site interactive slide presentation.

gentleman on the air.

At our September luncheon, we were treated to an interactive slide show conducted by Bob Rooney, W2AET. During his extensive travels over many years, Bob was drawn to scores of remote broadcast, government, and commercial two-way communications locations. He provided us with background clues and historical details. Tom Foley, WA2EYF, was able to guess the identity of the most sites. Thanks again, Bob, for your efforts in putting together a most unusual but interesting program.

Chapter 65 meets on the second Saturday of every month at noon at Brennan's Bowery Bar and Restaurant, located at Transit Road and Main Street in Clarence NY. Our average attendance count is around a dozen or so, and we always welcome new arrivals who wish to enjoy the good company of fellow hams served up with good food at a great price.

Larry Rybacki, WA2ARA, President & Secretary

Chapter 67, Travis County (TX)

Chapter 67 is continuing to experience improved attendance and membership as we approach fall.

We hold regular monthly meetings at the IHOP, on US Highway 183, in NorthWest Austin. Many members/visitors arrive at about 1pm for socialization, and perhaps lunch. Our regular business meeting starts at 2pm. These meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month. At the conclusion of the business meeting, we generally have a program presented by a member or invited guest.

In August, Pete Jordahl, K5GM, gave a presentation on ARRL's Logbook of the World (LOTW). Although not all of our members are "DX chasers" we all found the informa-



Pete Jordahl, and wife, Karen. Pete presented at our August meeting.



Hank Belopavlovich presenting at our September meeting.

tion presented useful and interesting.

At our September meeting, our President, Hank Belopavlovich, WA5ZLI, gave a presentation on "An Introduction to 6 Meters". This was an interesting discussion of the various types of propagation on 6M—Sporadic E, F-Layer, etc. For me, it brought back good memories of 6 meter operations in the mid to late 1950s. At that time, we had many good band openings where one could work lots of DX with just a few watts of power on CW or AM.

At future meetings we will have a "show and tell" of member's QSL collections and a chapter Christmas party at our November gathering.

Milt Cram, W8NUE, Secretary

Chapter 70, QCWA National Capital Region Ottawa, Ontario, (CA)

In early September 2009, our chapter put on a display at



Chapter 70 table at the September 2009 Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Hamfest.
Standing L-R: Chapter 70 Director, Dick Bonnycastle, VE3FUA, and Past President, Dave Parks, VE3AV. Seated in the foreground L-R: Secretary, Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, Director, Richard Ferch, VE3KI and former QCWA President, Croft Taylor, VE3CT.

the annual Ottawa Amateur Radio Club Hamfest which takes place at Camp Ontario near Ottawa. The event was very successful and in addition to publicizing QCWA, the chapter sold several pieces of donated equipment.

In addition to our well-attended weekly breakfasts at Summerhays restaurant, Chapter 70 held a quarterly dinner meeting on September 15th. Following the dinner, member Barry Crampton, VE3BSB, gave a lively PowerPoint presentation entitled "Amateur Radio Journeys to the Edge of Space". Barry described several high altitude balloon flights organized by a group of radio amateurs, students, and other interested residents of the Perth Ontario area, who have built and launched several helium filled balloons carrying payloads composed of APRS equipment and at times a camera. The balloons, launched from Perth, have climbed to as high as 122,000 feet, and landed as far away as eastern Maine.

This year, our executive decided to update the Chapter 70 history which covered the period 1974 to 2000.

Faced with rapidly increasing publication costs, the executive decided to adopt a revolutionary approach, and to maintain a continuously updated history on the chapter web site. Director Doug Leach, VE3XK who looks after the web site, has also taken on the duties of chapter historian.

During the quarter, Chapter 70 welcomed two new members, Peter Jago VA3PJ, and Arnold Vandenbelt, VA3IEE. Sadly, in August, member Ken Willing VE3CV became a silent key. Licensed since 1953, Ken was one of the first local amateurs to befriend me when I first moved to Ottawa in 1954.

Ken Pulfer, VE3PU, Secretary

Chapter 76, Blue Ridge, (NC)

It's officially fall and if you hadn't noticed, the days are definitely growing shorter. When I was a kid, fall was marked by the pervasive smell of burning leaves. Time moves on and the smell of burning leaves is now pretty much a thing of the past worries about ecological impact (mainly by everyone else), burn permits and all that stuff. Today, the BIG reminder of the fall season is our 3rd Quarter estimated tax payments! With each passing year, I realize more and more that aging is not a linear function. Enough let's move on to the chapter activities. For our July meeting, we obtained another DVD from the Northern California DX Foundation library, this time, A52A Bhutan for those of you who don't chase DX. Another well-done, professional video by James Brooks, 9Y1YC. Many Dxpediton videos approach home videos in quality but James includes a bit of travelog which adds considerable interest. If you borrow a video from the NCDXF library, look for one by James Brooks.

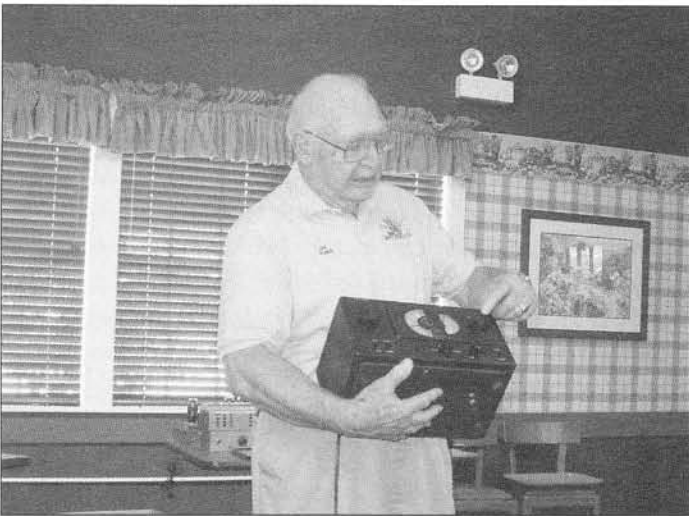
In August, Joe Gault, W4WZ and Glen Farr, N4AK treated us to a few lessons on restoring "boat anchors" that many of us owned and dearly loved (if we loved them so much, why don't we still have them)? As a matter of fact, I DO have an S-38 that was my very first receiver. I remember traveling to Canal Street to buy the thing - a 12-year old kid, alone - with the purchase money carefully pinned under my shirt by a cautious mother! Anyhow, some of the chapter members took the restoration lessons to heart, bought a few gems at local hamfests and will be bringing them back to life in the coming months.

Finally, September. I don't know how many people in QCWA are aware of the "Ham Radio Promotion Project", a joint effort of the Indian Hills Radio Club and QCWA Chapter 1 (The "push" behind this is Dee Logan, W1HEO who deserves a lot of credit). Anyhow, I bought the DVD, showed it to the chapter. and after seeing it (very well done, by the way), we voted to join other radio clubs across the country in this worthy ham radio promo effort. Check out <http://www.neoham.org> for the full story. It's our hobby... if we don't promote it, who will?

As an extra for the chapter members, our president, Al Smith, N4ZA, arranged a visit and guided tour to NOAA's Meteorological Data Center in Asheville, NC. Fourteen members, XYs and friends made the trip and what we found was a myriad of in-depth weather data from stations around the world all gathered in one place and in one database. In addition to receiving daily computerized data, the Data Center maintains a vast amount of old paper records, one day to be scanned, digitized and entered into the database; hand written logs in Japanese from the 40's await translation; old records from



Glen Farr, N4AK.



Joe Gault, W4WZ.

every reporting station in the US and its territories; ocean surface temperatures recorded by ship captains over the centuries. How about the weather as recorded by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson (in their own hands), a couple of farmers with whom we're all familiar! The current estimate, depending on budget constraints, is 10 years to get everything into the database and online for free access to users around the world. The Center also maintain a very interesting museum with weather artifacts from years past. It was a great tour!

That's the third quarter activities of Chapter 76. We still meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 11:15 at the Golden Corral in Hendersonville. Stop by and break bread with us.

Duke, W4DK

Chapter 85, Ark-La-Tex (LA)

Chapter 85 held its quarterly meeting at the Bossier City Library on July 25th. An important topic at the meeting was our recent donation of amateur equipment to the Sci-Port Science Center in Shreveport and how that equipment might be used. The Chapter will be open to opportunities to help the hams and staff at Sci-Port enhance the education of visiting school children and bring amateur radio to the attention of area youth.

Several members were seen at the recent Mena (Arkansas) Hamfest. Held at the historic mountainside retreat, the Queen Wilhelmina State Park, the gathering appeared well attended in spite of the rainy weather. Attendance is an annual ritual for many area hams. Congratulations to the organizers of the event for another job well done!

Two members participated in the recent QCWA Spring QSO Party. We hope to have more participation in the future.

John Stewart, AA5KV, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 89, South Carolina (SC)

The regular September meeting of South Carolina Chapter 89 was held Saturday September 27th at Ryan's Steak House in Columbia. The turnout was small due to conflicting events, threatening weather and other unknown reasons.

A discussion led by Dr Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, SC, SM and John Crockett, KC4YI SCETV Chief engineer, concerning the conflict which has arisen in the SCHearts program. A question of hospital employees who have obtained their ham licenses handling radio operator duties during an



William Krocs of Charlottes Web LLC during a lecture on Linux Ham Radio operating system.



Robert Harman, KC4UTX (L), receiving his 50-Year Award from Chuck Johnson, WD4NSZ (R).



Bob Zimmerman, KB3IWD gives us the heads up look at Hubble.

emergency because of the prohibition of pecuniary interest of ham radio. However technical the conflict seems to be, it is felt that this issue must be addressed so I leave the solution to those in charge to resolve it.

RK Harmon, KC4UTX, received his 50-Year Award. Grady Robinson due his 50-Year Award but was not present so it will be mailed to him.

The program was an introduction, installing and operating the Ubuntu/Linux operating system with a demonstration on the system and some of the 90 dedicated ham radio programs it contains.

Ralph Mott, N4RM

Chapter 91, Vic Clark (VA)

Vic Clark Chapter 91, serving the Washington DC metropolitan area has been busy with our monthly meetings and tours throughout the summer and early fall. In honor of the 2009 International Year of Astronomy, we had an invigorated and stimulating visit to our meeting by Robert Zimmerman, KB3IWD. Bob is an award-winning science writer and historian whose work has appeared in *Natural History*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Astronomy*. His books include *Leaving Earth: Space Stations, Rival Superpowers*, and *The Quest for Interplanetary Travel and Genesis: the Story of Apollo 8*.

The Hubble Space Telescope has produced the most stunning images of the cosmos humanity has ever seen. And in its newly renovated state, it continues to amaze the scientist and casual observer and has transformed our understanding of the universe around us. We know more about the place we call home because of the new information provided by Hubble including the age of the universe and its evolution, the life cycle of stars, and the very existence of black holes.

Bob gave us some outstanding background on the idea that would not die despite technical errors and the heated

debates between scientists and bureaucrats. This presentation was perfectly timed with the last visit to repair Hubble before its ultimate demise a few years from now.

And then in August we had a joint tour with Virginia Beach Chapter 119 to Greenbank, West Virginia for a customized tour of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO). Founded in 1956, the NRAO provides state-of-the-art radio telescope facilities for use by the international scientific community. NRAO telescopes are open to all astronomers regardless of institutional or national affiliation. The NRAO is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) under the terms of a cooperative agreement between the NSF and Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI), a science management corporation.

During the joint QCWA Chapter 119 and 91 custom tour, participants learned how astronomical observations at radio wavelengths allow scientists to address fundamental questions about our Universe such as: When and how did galaxies form in the early Universe? How do super-massive black holes form at the hearts of most galaxies? How are stars and planets born? There was also discussion of recent and hopefully increasing sun spot activity.

Following our tour of NRAO, many spent the next day at the historic Cass Mountain Railroad - also in West Virginia. This was a three-day event and a real winner.

We hope to continue joining forces with other nearby QCWA Chapters for joint meetings and tours in the future. This first attempt worked well for us and we are so grateful for the legwork of the leadership of Chapter 119 in Virginia Beach. They made the joint effort happen.

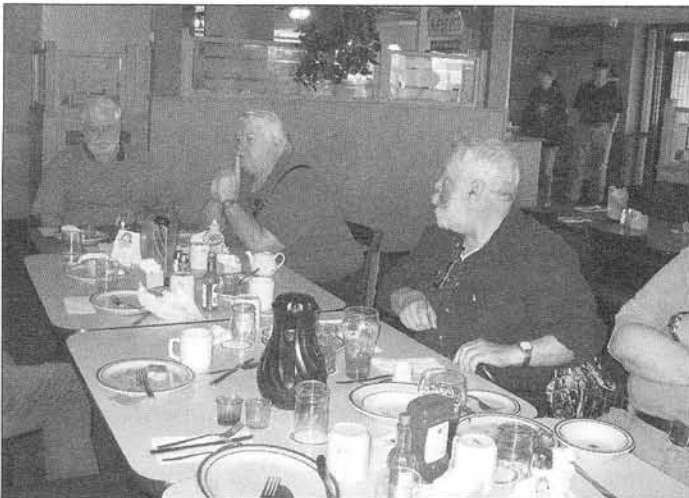
In September, we had our annual Chapter Picnic at the QTH of our president, Tim Donovan, WA4CLK. About thirty people attended including husbands, wives and friends. We ate well, talked long and laughed often. Isn't that what a QCWA event is all about?

Tim Donovan, WA4CLK, President

Chapter 92, Northern Lights (AK)

On July 28, 16 members and guests of The Northern Lights Chapter 92 of QCWA met at Denny's Restaurant in Anchorage.

Chapter 92 has not been too active for a while, so the meeting was held to reactivate the chapter. Director, Ken Simpson, W8EK, was in attendance as well as local members. Since Alaska is such a large state, it is difficult to get members together in any one place. On the air meetings are a possibility, but actual face to face meetings are also desired. These meetings will probably be held in the Anchorage area. Craig Bledsoe, KL4E, will spearhead the effort to get things rolling. If you are a QCWA member any place in the state of Alaska, and especially if you are in the greater Anchorage area, please contact Craig at KL4E@arrl.net. If you have suggestions for meeting times and places, and especially if you have an idea for a program, please contact Craig.



Some of the 16 members in attendance at the July 28 meeting to revitalize The Northern Lights Chapter 92.



More members in attendance at the July 28 meeting to revitalize The Northern Lights Chapter 92.

Ken Simpson, W8EK, National Director **Chapter 102, Dakota (ND/SD)**

Roger Kehm, who received his 65-Year Anniversary Award at the meeting, obtained his first Ham license in 1942 during WWII when only operator licenses were issued; no station licenses and call signs were issued and the Hams were off the air for the duration of the conflict. He served during WWII at LORAN stations, mostly in the SoPac theatre of operations. He is active on 2 Meter and HF operation. Along with QCWA membership, he is a member of ARRL and 3 Radio Clubs in South Dakota.

Please note in the photos: QCWA 50th Anniversary Award being presented to Jack Brand, KOSTF. From left to right are the names of Dakota Chapter 102 QCWA members at the morning coffee. Jack Brand, KOSTF, Scott Rausch, WA0VKC, the ARRL SD SM and Frank Shaw, NU0F, the President of Dakota Chapter 102. Following is a list of other Dakota Chapter 102 members who will be receiving similar awards as soon as arrangements can be made. Roland Cory, WOYMB, of Mobridge, for 55-Years;



(L to R) Frank Shaw, NU0F, presenting Roger Kehm, K0ROG, with his 65-Year Anniversary Award.



(L to R) Jack Brand, KOSTF; Scott Rausch, WA0VKC, the ARRL SD SM; Frank Shaw, NU0F, Chapter President.

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Chapter 41 to Host a QCWA Convention at Ham-Com 2010

Chapter 41 will hold their convention in conjunction with Ham-Com and the ARRL West Gulf Division meeting on June 11-12, 2010.

The convention will be known as the Dallas QCWA Convention and all QCWA Chapters and their members are invited. The convention is expected to attract QCWA members world-wide.

The Ham-Com hamfest, a Texas tradition, attracts several thousand hams and dozens of commercial exhibitors from all over the USA each year.

More details about the Dallas QCWA Convention will soon be available at the Chapter 41 web site at **www.chapter41.org** and at the Ham-Com web site at **www.hamcom.org**.

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Frank Shaw, NU0F, President

Chapter 103, Fourth Corner (WA)

Chapter 103 does not hold summer meetings, but instead goes on vacation as many of the members do. That does not mean that there was no QCWA activity in the NW US, however. On August 9, a hamfest was held at Spanaway, WA, near Tacoma, and sponsored by the Radio Club of Tacoma. At this hamfest, awards to two longtime amateur radio operators were announced. Ed Reinke, W7EBF, has been a ham for over 75 years, and thus has earned the QCWA 75-Year Award.

Unfortunately, he was not able to be at the hamfest. Worth Gurley, W7WG, was presented a 70-Year Certificate by Director Ken Simpson, W8EK. Worth also had a nice display of working vintage equipment which was actually on the air making contacts. Congratulations to both of these long time hams.

Ken Simpson, W8EK, National Director



Director, Ken Simpson, W8EK, presents a 70-Year Certificate to Worth Gurley, W7WG, at the Tacoma WA Hamfest.

Chapter 108, Beaver State (OR)

What a fun quarter for our Chapter. Our annual picnic was held and we had great attendance. Our host, Howard, WB7OK, prepared a scrumptious lunch of BBQ hot dogs, hamburgers, and salmon burgers for the vegetarians. Everyone brought their favorite salad, dessert and/or side dish. Only one taker of the salmon burgers showed we all love our meat. The temperature soared into the high 90's but that didn't seem to diminish the exuberance and camaraderie of the day. It was a fun day.

We missed the report for last quarter so I'll give a quick update. We had a wonderful visit to the Evergreen Aviation Museum in Monmouth, Oregon. Chapter member attendance was phenomenal. The EAM is home to Howard Hughes Spruce Goose, in case you forgot. There are numerous commercial and experimental aircraft on display from the Wright Brothers, to a Strategic



Evergreen Aviation Museum visit under the wing of the Spruce Goose. From left, Kay Robinson, Alan, W4LKE; unidentified, Howard, WB7OK; Gene, K6YIS; and Dick Knight.

Reconnaissance aircraft (SR-71), and the Space Museum has actual size mock-ups of the Apollo mission Lunar Landings and an actual Titan rocket. One could easily spend a couple of days touring the various exhibits.

Well, that is enough for now. See you next quarter.

Howard Honig, WB7OK, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 110, Kansas (KS)

Chapter 110 held their summer meeting and dinner on Sunday August 16th, 2009, at Kansas State Convention and the CKARC annual Hamfest. We had 29 members and guests present. We took a picture of as many as we could get together after the meeting.

This meeting Glen, W0YVR, on left, received a 55-Year Award, Fred, K0TCS, center; and Nadine, K0UHF on



Glen, W0YVR, on left, 55-Year Award; Fred, K0TCS, center, and Nadine, K0UHF on right, both 50-Year Awards.



The members of Chapter 110 at their summer meeting!

right both 50-Year Awards. At our spring meeting we had 7 members receiving awards. Our fall meeting is being planned at this time. Wish we could have gotten all 13 members together for an awards picture but with members coming from both ends of the State it's hard to get all together at one time. We passed out info about QCWA and sent 3 applications home but haven't gotten anything back yet.

Alvin WOME, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 112, Yankee (RI)

The Joint Chapters summer Picnic was held at The New England Wireless and Steam Museum on July 11, 2009.

QCWA Pioneer and Nutmeg Chapters joined us. There were 35 members and guests present.

W1NTE, Bob, Director of the Wireless Museum gave a talk on Transmitters before vacuum tube and solid state radios. Members were able to view the steam-up demonstration as well as visiting the other buildings containing antique wireless equipment.

The weather was absolutely beautiful, we could not



W1NTE, Bob, Director of the Wireless Museum gave a talk on Transmitters before vacuum tube and solid state radios.



W1NTE, Bob, Director of the Wireless Museum.

have asked for a better day.

The pictures included in this report are W1NTE, Bob giving a talk on transmitters before vacuum tubes and solid state radios; Fessenden's synchronous rotary gap, part of a 100KW transmitter he sold to the government and installed in Washington, DC. This was quickly replaced by a much higher powered CW arc transmitter; The gadget Bob, W1NTE, is handling is an amrad quenched gap made for amateurs in the early twenties. This was made in Medford Hillside, MA.

Our Fall meeting will be held on October 24, 2009 at Whites Restaurant in Westport, MA.

Janice, K4IJK, Secretary

Chapter 119, Tidewater (VA)

The hustle and bustle, the heat and humidity of Summer have left us and preparations for Fall DX and Contest activities are occupying what time many of us have available

for 'getting ready.' Other demands are still pressing but this is the time to be getting ready in spite of whatever else might be on our schedules for once the winter winds, the cold, the ice set in any serious antenna work will just naturally have to be postponed.

As we close out the third Quarter on the Chapter 119 30th Anniversary year we find 19 new Chapter members (QCWA members) on the membership roster. This is about two-thirds of the way 'home' as we hoped to bring onboard 30 new members. The majority of these 19 new members are also first time QCWA members, so the Anniversary push has been good for the entire organization. With three months to go you can bet the ranch that we will be shaking bushes for all we're worth.

Chapter 119 had a successful joint excursion with Chapter 91 to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Greenbank, WV, in August. This was a wonderful opportunity for cross-fertilization of the two Chapters and we will be exploring opportunities for future expeditions of this nature. Our Chapter 119 sponsored IOTA Expedition in July was a huge success. Very special QSL cards should be arriving from the printer any day now. If you worked us on Tangier Island and if you sent an SASE to our QSL manager, K5VIP, (QRZ.COM address is correct) then you are already enjoying your Tangier Island (NA-083) confirmation. There is a good chance that you will be hearing more about this exciting adventure in the not-too-distant future.

Annual elections for new Chapter 119 Officers for 2010 will be taking place later this quarter and by the time you read this Chapter Report there just might be new leadership in our Chapter. New leadership brings the promise of new ideas, new energy, and we all look forward to that. Let us be the first to wish you Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vic Culver, W4VIC, Secretary

Chapter 120, Quarter Century Wireless Women, QCWW

As you read this report, our Annual and only meeting of the year will have taken place on board Holland America's Eurodam during the QCWA Convention Cruise. Only one chapter officer will be sailing with us and I am not sure if any others members will be in attendance. If not, it will have been a very short meeting.

But I may be able to talk a few of our cruising Hams into chapter membership. I will have some chapter applications with me on the ship. If I am successful in this endeavor or can find a chapter member in the group, I

will try to get some operating pictures from one of the three ICOM HF stations on the ship with the chapter banner in the back ground. YES, we do have a chapter banner and it will be on the cruise ship with us.

At this writing it appears there will not be a 2010 QCWA Convention. The annual QCWA membership and board meetings are scheduled to be held in conjunction with the 2010 Dayton Hamvention, 14-16 May 2010. So we will set up a QCWW meeting during that time frame and find somewhere to hold it. Perhaps right after or just before the QCWA membership meeting. Please see the spring Journal for the time and location.

A chapter member requested three of our QCWW patches – I had to dig through the boxes of QCWW records to find them. And find them I did, about 40 were wrapped in plastic and stored with the banner and a lot of old records. I have included a picture of our patch with this article and if you are so inclined to get one or two or three; drop me a check for \$5 a patch to Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, 5400 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI, 53402-9741 and I'll have the patch(s) in the return mail the same day I receive your request.

HF band condition will begin to improve soon (they have to). It would be nice to resume our QCWW net. Would anyone be willing to work with me on this project? If you are interested, please contact me at the above address or by email to wa9jmo@wi.net; and/or by telephone at 262-639-7327. I will be most happy to work out the details with you and any other interested parties.

Also, Ann Nutter, VE3HAI, has offered to start up the Silver Belles Column in the QCWA Journal. But Ann needs your input, she needs at least a contact person willing to



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be featured in the column or suggest other individuals that would be our featured member of the Quarter. Those articles were interesting; I miss that column when reading the quarterly journal.

Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, Secretary/Treasurer

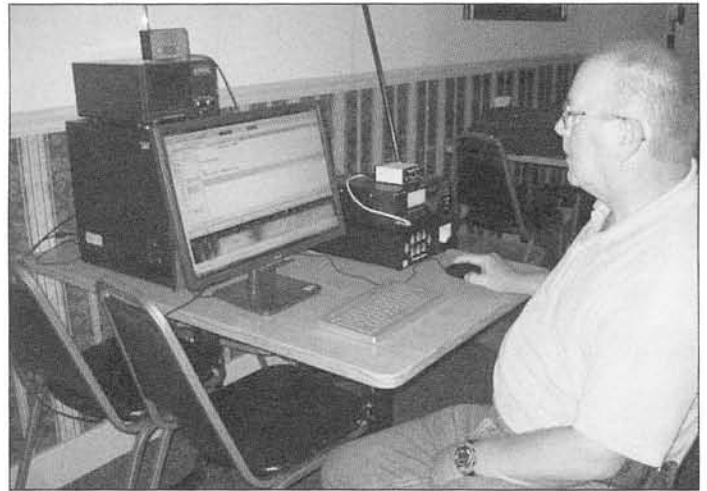
Chapter 126, Piedmont (NC)

The Piedmont Chapter 126 held its regular meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at Best's Food Cafeteria Siler City, NC. There were 19 members and guests present. The following board members were present: Chuck, K4HF; Kent, K4MK; Charlie, WB4DCM and Wayne, W4HG. Meeting locations, dates and possible programs were the primary topics discussed by the board. A "down East" meeting is in the works for the spring.

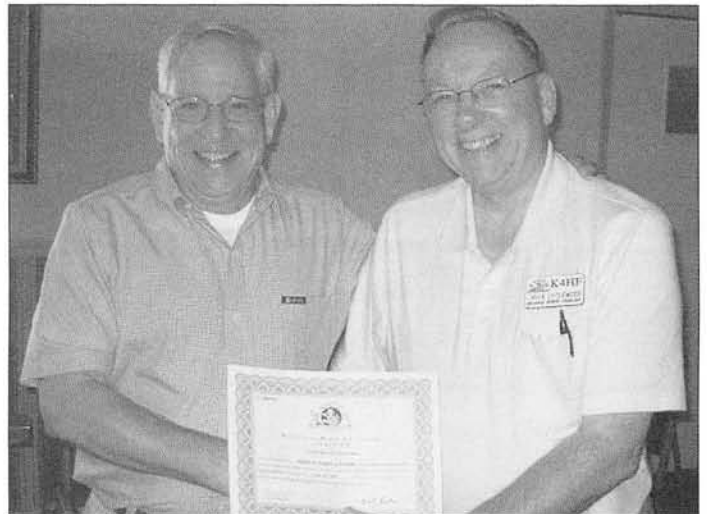
At the general meeting, following blessing, lunch and introductions, President, Chuck, K4HF, recognized Sandy Gerli, AC1Y, our newest Chapter member. Sec/Tres., Charlie, WB4DCM, gave the Treasurer's Report and the Q3 Net Report received from NCS W4DGJ. W4WXZ missed none and W4DGJ, WJ4DX, and WA4BVY missed one or two nets. WB4DCM was recognized for placing second in the CW Mode of the April, 2009 QCWA QSO Party. Kent, K4MK, then introduced our speaker, Tommie Wood, N4YZ, who gave us a great presentation of the digital mode PSK 31.

Besides a full rig and computer set up inside a cable was run to his vehicle to use the mobile HF antenna. The membership authorized a chapter donation to The ARRL Diamond Club and to the National QCWA Scholarship Fund in the name of our Chapter's Silent Keys. Ken, KI4OTO, announced a technical tour during the annual open house of Independent FM and Internet Station WCPE, on Sunday, October 4. Several members indicated an interest. As a Chapter member you are set up, with your E Mail address, on the Chapter's internet reflector to send and receive messages of interest to the membership. If you are not getting Chapter correspondence as you should please let us know. Also, the Chapter has two distinguished call signs available to use during radio operating events.

Charlie, WB4DCM, won the 50/50 drawing and Clarence, K4SHU, won the door prize. Thanks go to Mary Jo, K4MUL, our meeting helper and Wayne, W4HG, our photographer. Guests included Herb Lacey, W3HL of Cary, NC and Lee Ponto of New Hill, NC. Remember our Saturday morning net. It was good to see some members and guests that we haven't seen at our meetings in some time. All members are encouraged to invite friends and family to participate in Chapter activities. The next Chapter 126 Meeting will be December



Speaker, Tommie Wood, N4YZ who gave us a great presentation of the digital mode PSK 31.



Charlie, WB4DCM being recognized for his 2nd place effort in the April 2009 QCWA QSO Party by Chuck, K4HF at the Chapter 126 meeting.

5, 2009, at Yarborough's Restaurant in Lexington, NC. Happy Holidays to all! Our meeting adjourned at 2:15.

Chuck Littlewood, K4HF

Chapter 140, Wyoming (WY)

Chapter 140 covers the entire state of Wyoming, so a monthly meeting is simply not practical. Instead, we meet every Saturday morning on 3923.5 KHz at 8 AM Mountain Time. In addition, there is a rather large group in both Cheyenne and Casper. Both groups meet on Saturday mornings, after the net is over. In Cheyenne, we meet at the Arby's on Yellowstone Road.

On August 15, Director, Ken Simpson, W8EK, and his wife Sue, N8AJU, joined us on their way back to Florida, after going to Alaska. At this meeting we were happy to welcome a new member - Dale Putnam, WC7S. We have been trying to get Dale to join for some time. Welcome Dale.



Chapter 140 Sec./Treas., Don Miller, K7TFW, talks with Sue Simpson, N8AJU.



Scott McDowell, N5SM, serves as one of our CW operators for W6I in the Route 66 On The Air Special Event. Scott is a retired railroad engineer who still loves to smell rosin burning and build things with his hands. He can be found in the CW segments of the HF bands.



New QCWA Member, Dale Putnam, WC7S.

Please join us on 3923.5 at 8 AM Mountain Time on Saturday. All are welcome.

Don Miller, K7TFW, Sec/Tres.

Chapter 141, Amarillo (TX)

As September moves to an end, Chapter 141 in Amarillo has just completed another year of participation as W6I, Amarillo, in the Route 66 On The Air Special Event.

This year W6I made 833 contacts. John Ashurst, K5FS, Brad Miskimen, N5LUL; Scott McDowell, N5SM; Jim Musgrove, K5BZH; and Bob Hill, W5FBQ served as operators in the 2009 event.

The Route 66 Special Event was launched in 2000 by the Northern Arizona DX Association. Back in 1999 they started talking about the possibilities of having the thrill of a Dxpediton without actually going on one. The idea of

achieving that thrill with a special event station surfaced. As the brainstorming continued, plans developed into the Route 66 On The Air Event as we know it today.

Initially the focus was on the cities mentioned in Bobby Troup's song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66." That action brought Amarillo into the event the first year as K6E. Amarillo missed the years 2001 and 2002, but was back in 2003 as N6I. They were there in 2004 as W6G. From 2005 to 2009 they have participated as W6I.

In the early years Amarillo's participation was sponsored by the Panhandle Amateur Radio Club. From 2005 to 2009 the sponsor has been QCWA Chapter 141 as we hope it will be in 2010 and future years.

In the year 2000, the Amarillo team was composed of three people: Howard Palecheck, KD5CEM; John Sikes, KD5AZO; and John Ashurst, K5FS. John Ashurst, K5FS, has been a dedicated member and normally provides more Route 66 contacts than the other Amarillo participants. He sort of stumbled into the event the first year and joined as an operator. That year he made 489 contacts that included 3 DX QSOs (Japan, Australia, and Africa) plus one Maritime Mobile on the USS David R. Rey. In 2009 John made 525 QSOs and Brad made 227 Qs.

Scott McDowell, N5SM, made the comment "Operating on the Route 66 On The Air Event was the only time I was ever the recipient of a pileup on CW!!! Was kind of nerve wrecking!!"

In previous years, Gene Bitner, WA5ETK, spent a lot of hours participating in the event and handling the local administration functions (logging data, QSL distribution, etc). In 2008 he handled the admin functions, but "retired" as an operator. Brad Miskimen, N5LUL, has now picked up the administrative duties.

QSL card demand is normally pretty high and cards over the years have included pictures of Cadillac Ranch, The Big Texan Steakhouse, Amarillo's brick marker that

says "Welcome to Historic Route 66," and such.

Chasing the Route 66 stations usually proves to be a lot of fun; in 2009 there were 19 participating stations. A prize piece of wallpaper for one's hamshack is a Route 66 certificate indicating all stations have been worked. QSL cards from each of the Route 66 stations enhance that piece of wallpaper just a wee bit more. Look for the event next year, in mid September, and join the fun, Get Your Kicks on Route 66, and keep the spirit of the Mother Road alive.

Jim, K5BZH

Chapter 146, Twin State (NH)

Chapter 146 had their annual meeting at BJ Brickers on Washington Street in Claremont, NH on August 29th, 2009. There were 9 voting members present. Lunch was a buffet or you could order from their menu if you preferred.

President Ray Makul, K1XV, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. He did the standard introductions and told his (wait for the punch line) joke that everyone responded with "ugh". Skip Swenson, WB6VVA, informed the assemblage that the 2010 National Membership Meeting of QCWA will be held in Dayton, Ohio. Plans to have the National Convention in New England are continuing and will be submitted for a later date. The only other agenda item was nomination and election of officers.

When all was said and done, the Secretary was asked to cast one vote for the current slate of officers for another term. The officers elected are: Ray Makul, K1XV, President; Ed Feustel, N5EI, Vice President; and Cheryl Breuning, WA1WEY, Secretary/Treasurer. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM.

For everyone, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year in 2010.

Cheryl A. Breuning, WA1WEY, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 149, Nutmeg (CT)

The summer meeting was held at Serafino's Restaurant in Wallingford, Connecticut, on Saturday, August 8, with 31 persons in attendance. Our featured speaker was Bill Hennessey, a longtime and well-known professional broadcaster, advertiser and on-the-air personality in Connecticut. Bill gave a very interesting and delightful talk about his long career in the radio and television industry. He shared stories and answered questions. Mr. Hennessey revealed that Al Cohen, W1FXQ, a Chapter 149 member, who was a studio engineer and later a sales manager for the Hartford Times radio station WHTT, created a very "catchy" and memorable advertising jingle – "Arthur



Nutmeg Chapter members Al Cohen, W1FXQ, and Jeffrey Galin, W1JG, welcomed guest speaker and professional broadcaster Bill Hennessey to the August, 2009, meeting and luncheon in Wallingford, Connecticut.

Arthur Arthur, Open All The Time. Always Open, Never Closed" – many years ago for a Hartford, Connecticut, pharmacy. Folks throughout Connecticut still remember this particular advertisement several decades later.

Congratulations to Chapter President, Luke, KA1SE and Nancy Lauretano, on the recent birth of a granddaughter in Seattle, Washington. In addition, we acknowledge and celebrate Wayne Shaffer's (W3QAN) 90th birthday on June 18, as well as he and his wife's (Jane) 67th wedding anniversary on June 25th. Happy Birthday to Bob Moseley, WA1ZLF, on his recent 94th birthday.

The ARRL Board of Directors – at their 2009 Second Meeting, held in July – voted to create a new award named for George Hart, W1NJM, a member of our Nutmeg Chapter (# 149) of QCWA. George, who lives in Hartford, is retired from his longtime service as a staff member of ARRL Headquarters in Newington. He is the chief developer of the ARRL National Traffic System that started 60 years ago. Nominations for the George Hart Distinguished Service Award will be received at ARRL Headquarters through November 1, 2009. This ARRL award may be given out annually to a radio amateur who has demonstrated longtime and distinguished service within the ARRL National Traffic System, the ARRL Field Organization or the Amateur Radio Emergency Service®.

The traditional raffle of prizes concluded our summertime gathering. Thanks to Dale and Joe Szczech, K1IKE, for shopping for the raffle prizes. They have been handling the shopping duty for each of our quarterly Chapter meetings/luncheons this past year.

Steve Ewald, WV1X, Secretary



Earl Smith, VE6NM (L), receives his QCWA 60-Year Certificate from Chapter President, Ken Oelke, VE6AFO (R).

Chapter 151, Alberta Wild Rose

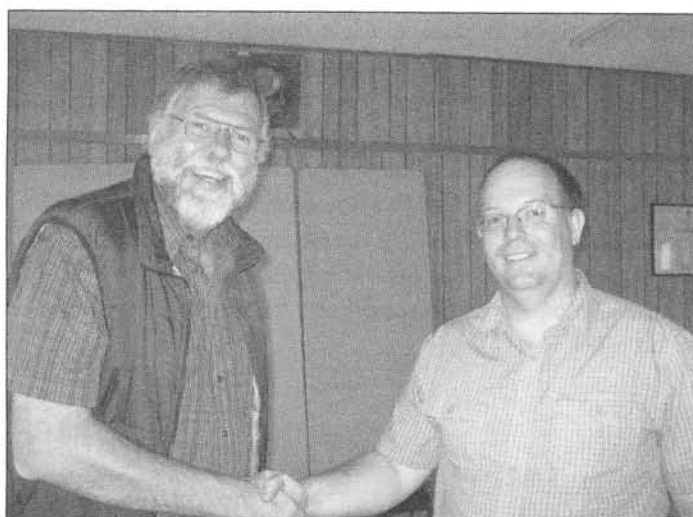
Chapter 151 held its fall lunch and business meeting on September 26, 2009 at the Tuxedo Park Community Hall, Calgary. Although there were no Silent Keys within the Chapter, a moment of silence was held for Andy Berry, VE6NDY, who was known to many in the Calgary amateur radio community.

Chapter President, Ken Oelke, VE6AFO reported that Chapter 151 had been involved in arranging for R.T. Alderman Middle School (Calgary) to have an upcoming sked with the International Space Station on September 28. Ken also reported that another sked was being arranged with Glenmore Christian Academy between October 14 and 16. Chapter 151 continues to be involved with Morse code instruction at the Calgary Military Museums. Recently, a group of military cadets travelled to the Calgary Military Museums from Regina and participated in the Morse code programme. The Calgary Military Museums reported that their motivation for presenting the programme was to teach people "a new language". The Chapter welcomes new volunteers to assist with the Morse Code programme.

Valerie Hepburn, VE6VMH, and Howard Hepburn, VE6GT, received appreciation awards for their assistance in organizing and setting up for the Chapter meetings.

Earle Smith, VE6NM, received a QCWA certificate to recognise his 60 years as a ham radio operator, and Tony Howard, VE6QY, received a QCWA certificate to recognise his 50 years as a ham operator.

Elections were held for the Chapter 151 executive, and the results were: President - Ken Oelke, VE6AFO; Secretary - Mitch Goodjohn, VE6SM; Treasurer - Vacant (Gerry Linton, VE6PL agreed to continue as acting Treasurer until a replacement could be found.)



Chapter Secretary, Mitch Goodjohn, VE6SM (L) thanks Jason Nishiyama (R), for a stimulating SETI presentation.

Les Card, VE6CA, remains as Past President.

After the business part of the meeting, Jason Nishiyama, a science teacher and member of the Royal Astronomical Society, gave an exciting talk on "The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence". He reviewed the theory behind calculating the probability of finding intelligent life beyond our solar system, and gave an overview of the various methods by which the searches are made, including piggy-backing onto existing radio telescopes used for radio astronomy. Jason spoke of the SETI League, and SETI@Home programme, and told the Chapter members how they could become involved. In view of the increasing competition for research time on radio telescopes, Jason believes that amateur radio operators have the potential to become an important component in the search for intelligent life in other parts of the galaxy.

Mitch Goodjohn, VE6SM, Secretary

Chapter 160, Utah (UT)

Members of Utah Chapter 160 living in the greater Salt Lake area enjoyed a fine dinner and visit on June 12 at "Spaghetti Mama's" in Sandy, Utah.



The members from Utah Chapter 160.

Those in attendance were: Rick Seyboldt, K7OWZ; Phil Bullock, K7PB, and Wife, Doris; Lee K7NKH; Peggy Hone all the way from Pioche, NV; Mike, W7DNI and Carol Pet. Maryellen Vaughan, W7CKD, our much-appreciated Secretary who drove from the Oregon Coast to be with us. Dave Raab, W7DKR (not pictured), and Lova, KE7DZD, rounded out the small but fun group.

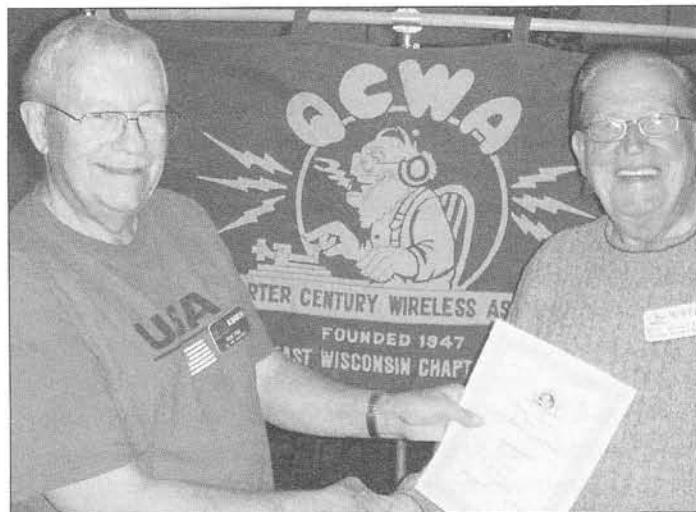
Activities for the coming year of 2010 are April 6th Picnic and dinner in Mesquite, Nevada, the big one for our Chapter. Plans for another dinner for the folks in Northern Utah are underway. All members and visitors are welcome to attend any of our actives. Watch for details in the Chapters "Key Click" newsletter or E-mail.

Dave Raab, W7DKR, President

Chapter 162, Southeast Wisconsin (WI)

President, Ron Fox, K9AKH, used our September business meeting as an opportunity to present Bob Schefke, W9FFC, with his QCWA 55-Year Licensed Certificate. Other business taken up by the membership included selecting candidates for next year's Directors; and looking for nominations for the Olie Fox, K9AHG, yearly Award of Excellence; and the newly established Bob Jensen, WØWLN, Life Time Achievement Award; plus updating the Chapter roster.

The Chapter was asked to provide Communications for a local high school's walk-a-thon. We had worked with the school several years ago, but when the event was moved from the spring to the fall, the school went with the use of cell phones for communications. The lead time from the request point to the event point was short so we were only able to gather 4 Hams instead of the usual 13. But what we lost in quantity we made up in quality. Mike Melnik, N9PMO; Bonnie, WB9ZKX; & Gene, WB9ZKY, Haney;



Ron Fox, K9AKH presenting 55-Year Certificate to Bob, W9FFC.

and Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, enjoyed the morning while assisting the 284 students along the 10-K walk.

We only managed to field four members for the QCWA fall QSO party. Al Algiers, W9HR, worked 20 and 40 meter CW; while Willie Watkins, KA9QMM; Ed Konicek, W9NVK; and Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO, worked SSB on the 20 and 40 meter bands. Conditions in Wisconsin were not kind to Chapter 162 for this event.

Larry McCalvy, WA9JMO

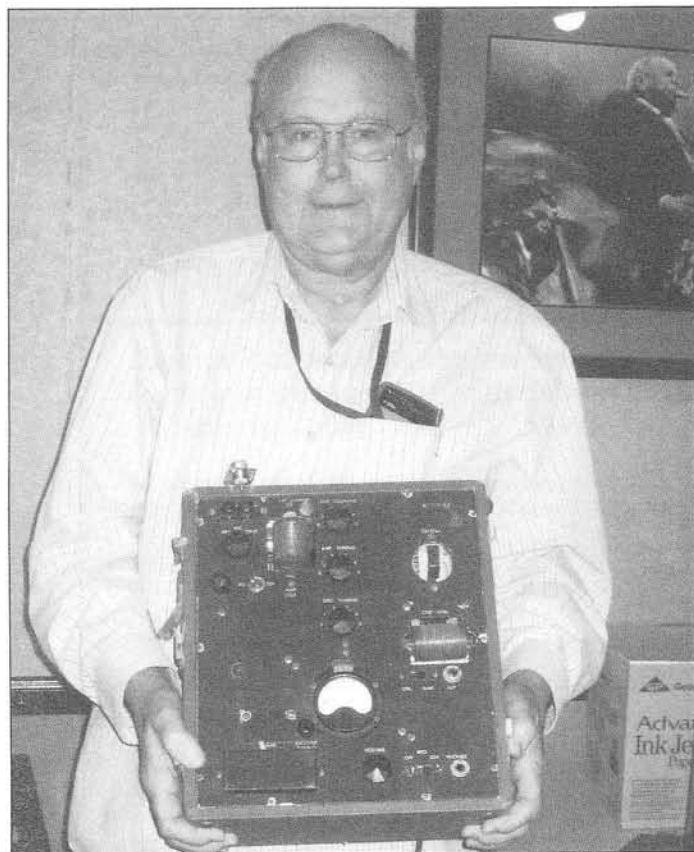
Chapter 169, Sacramento Valley (CA)

We had lots of activities during this quarter. The group elected Robin Alexander, NX6Z, as President. Many thanks to Jim Jolly, W6RWI, for all his work and effort these past two years.

Longtime QCWA member, John Minke, N6JM, has moved to Homer, Alaska. John donated his Icom IC 740 to the group and in August we presented the radio to a young local ham, Curtis Maccown, KI6ESK. Thank you, John, and good luck, Curtis.

During the quarter we lost old member Jim Allen, W6IQH. You will be missed dear Jim, RIP.

Programs during the quarter were: A video tour of ARRL Headquarters, Gary Stilwell, KI6T, gave a talk about the



Rob Alexander, NX6Z, during a presentation about a WWII spy transceiver built in a suitcase.



Left to right: Robin Alexander, NX6Z; Jim Jolly, W6RWI; and Curtis MacCoun, KI6ESK. Curtis was awarded an ICOM 740 for his outstanding performance as a new ham.



Left to right: Jim Jolly, W6RWI, retiring President; Robin Alexander, NX6Z, new President; Bill Easton, W6UYD; Dan Langford, WA6VPJ.

ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Denny's located at 7900 College Town Drive in Sacramento. The restaurant is just north of Highway 50 and on the west side of Howe Avenue. Gathering starts around 11:00 a.m. for a no-host lunch and meeting starts around 12 noon. We try to finish by 1:30 p.m. YLs are always welcome. For further information contact our

Secretary, Gary Stilwell, KI6T, at (916) 961-6659.

Gary Stilwell, KI6T, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 182, Northeast Tennessee (TN)

Our summer meeting was held in Johnson City, Tennessee at the Golden Coral Restaurant. There were 24 members and guests attending. Our newest Chapter member, Bud, W2TXU, was a welcomed transfer from the New York area, having moved recently to Limestone, TN.

This meeting was dedicated to the memory of our past president Donald ("Don") Wayne Jones, N4TN. A slide presentation on a laptop computer was running continuously during the meeting showing various pictures of Don N4TN, during his many years in ham radio. Due to N4TN's passing on 4/3/09, the Vice President David Rotenberry, K4DR, ascended to the presidency at this meeting.

President, David Rotenberry, K4DR

As a special memorial to Don N4TN, individuals spoke of their friendship with him during those many years.

Bill, W4CZ, having been friends with Don N4TN the longest of anyone, introduced the memorial. Bill spoke of their friendship that began about 1948, when they were both SWL's listening to various short wave broadcast stations around the world. The BBC in London, Radio Moscow, HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, and Radio Egypt were among their early favorites. Their early SWLing was done on Bill's dad's Zenith "Chairside" Multi-Band radio, which tuned 540 KHz to 18.5 MHz. Don and Bill sent SWL-W4 cards to many short wave broadcast stations and received some pretty "spiffy" reception QSL cards in

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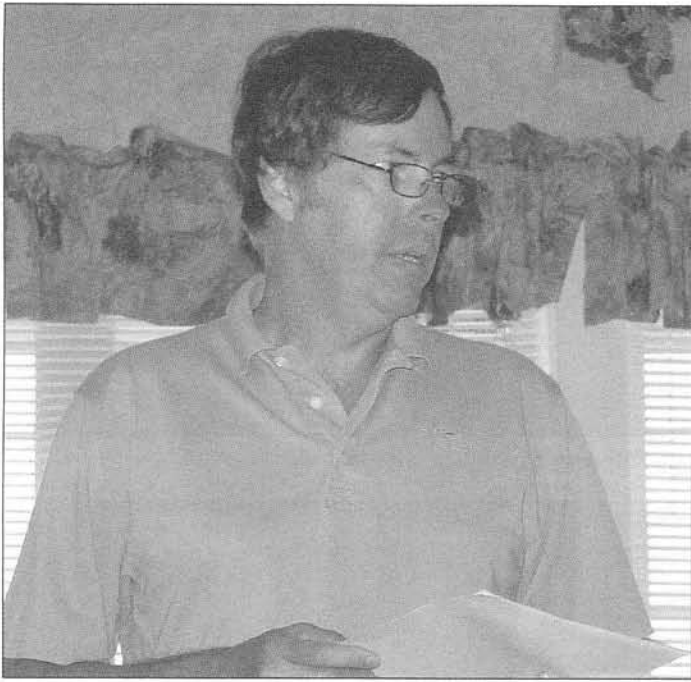
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return.

Don, N4TN, was first licensed in 1954 as Novice WN4DMS, and his first station was a National S-38C receiver and a 40 watt Eldico crystal controlled transmitter with changeable band coils and a long wire antenna installed by Bill. A year later, he became W4DMS, and much later, N4TN. His son, Andy, now carries on the family ham tradition with Don's original call, W4DMS.

Don's great CW ability was recognized by the Army when he enlisted, and he was a Morse Intercept Operator in Ethiopia during his military service. He also operated the ham station at ET2US in Ethiopia during his tour there.

Bill, W4CZ, noted his communications at the same time were in the Civil Air Patrol, with a restricted radio telephone license issued also in 1954. Bill received an amateur license a few years later as WN4MCZ, then a year later as WA4MCZ, and later as W4CZ. Bill and Don maintained a close friendship for those 60+ years and Don's passing was a special loss to Bill, W4CZ and to many others.

Dick Church, N4ARO, also spoke of his early friendship with Don. Dick met Don (before Don was a ham) at a Field Day event in Kingsport, Tennessee. Don saw Dick's ham call on his motorcycle license plate and said "if they can do that, I can too!"

David Rotenberry, K4DR, our new President, spoke of Don's helpfulness during his early days in ham radio, noting that he was always helping anyone that needed help in their early days in the hobby.

Don Baker, KA4R, also had some very kind words of his friendship with Don for many years.

Garland Caudill, W4WFX, had many words of praise for Don for his help as he began as a new ham.

Carl Smith, AA4H, told of the hilarious story of his friendship with Don in the early days of trying to learn guitar pickin'. At one of the group sessions, a close friend of the group, Jim Clark, W4HRT (SK), made a classic statement that all would remember - "That they had set guitar pickin' back a good 50 years!" Everyone at the meeting had a good chuckle on that one and the meeting was adjourned.

Others members attending: Robert Simmons, W4UKJ and XYL, Sue; Bob May, K4SE, and XYL, Carol; Charlie Perry, K4OZX; Bill Owen, W4VS, and XYL, Naomi; Windell Messimer, K4ZAK; and Guests; Connie Price, XYL of W4CZ; Chuck Greever, K4UTN; Buddy Presley, WB4PDD, and XYL, Barbara Presley, KA4TKP; Robert Aarden, KU4R; Jim Blevins, KC4QLM; Scott Newland, AC3D; Ben Morris, K4EDI, and Jim Morris, K4BGV.

William D. Price, W4CZ, Secretary/Treasurer

Chapter 196, Edison (FL)

It is with deep sadness that I report the loss of our dear friend, Hugh Pulliam, W4SEM. Hugh was first licensed in 1932 and he was a charter member of Chapter 196. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Stella J. Gurka, WB2FAU, made Chapter history as she won the QCWA QSO Party last spring. Congratulations Stella J. We are all very proud of you for having the highest score.

Dave Penezic, WG4K, formerly WA4GUK, has stepped down as the Lee County, Florida, ARRL Emergency Coordinator so he can pursue his retirement goals of traveling. Larry Zimmer, W4LWZ, has taken over those same duties. Best of luck to Larry, and many thanks to Dave for his long time of community service.

Chapter 196 is happy to report that Laing Batchler, NT4TS, is now a member of our group. Welcome aboard Laing!

Tad Burik, K3QC, President

Chapter 203, Gill Crossley (PA)

Chapter 203 had a great summer of amateur radio activity. Our summer picnic meeting was held at Lake Raystown in central Pennsylvania. The lake is a large impoundment with over 25 miles of navigable water. We all enjoyed a wonderful luncheon catered by Clem's Barbeque, which was simply delicious. After lunch, the Chapter had an afternoon sightseeing on a cruise on the Seven Points

Marina river boat, Princess, which had both indoor air conditioned seating and outdoor seating. The ride lasted over two hours and toured the lake. Captain, Bill, and First Mate, Jenny, provided a running commentary describing the lake's geological features and providing interesting anecdotes. We were pleased to have QCWA National Secretary, Walt Supina N3WS, aboard for the ride. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Chapter 203 hosts a Sunday night net on the 146.85 MHz State College, PA repeater. The net meets weekly at 2030 hrs local time. Net control stations rotate. Have a great fall season.

Woody Brem, K3YV, President

Chapter 210, Omaha (NE)

The Chapter 210 Annual Meeting was held on Thursday August 27th, at the Old Country Buffet 7540 Dodge Street, in Omaha. There were 37 in attendance.

The following members received awards during the annual meeting: Carl Johnson, WOGAJ, licensed 60 years; Gene Martin, WOUJI, licensed 55 years; Jim Minear, KOJL, licensed 50 years.

The Chapter monthly luncheons will continue at 11:00 AM on the 4th Thursday of each month, at the Old Country Buffet. We do not meet in November and December's luncheon is the 1st Thursday, due to the holidays.

The Chapter 210 QCWA Net meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM local time on the 147.36+ (KOBOY) repeater, using the Chapter Club call, WOOMA. Please make an effort to checkin and enjoy the conversation and topics during the net. The Net does not meet May through August.

We have \$1025.75 in the Chapter Treasury.

We had no volunteers wishing to run for Chapter office's for the 2009 - 2010 term with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer. I will fill the role of Chapter President for the 2009 - 2010 term.

If you know other amateurs with 25 or more years of licensing that might be interested in QCWA, please have them contact me at w0hxl@cox.net. Chapter 210 membership is \$5.00 to join and there are no yearly dues. We are the most active Chapter in Nebraska and welcome all qualified amateurs to become members.

Please visit the Chapter 210 Website:

<http://members.cox.net/renewsome/>. Jack Powley, WA0SAQ is the Chapter 210 Webmaster and we thank him for the many hours he spends maintaining the chapter website.

Dick Newsome, WOHL, President/Secretary-Treasurer



Aug 2009 Awards



KOJL, Jim.



WOGAJ, Carl.



WOUJI, Gene.

Chapter 212, Central Ohio (OH)

Chapter 212 took the summer off and will resume meetings in the fall of 2009. Contact President, Fritz Tender, WD8E at wd8e@arrl.net for further details.

Bob Cashdollar, NR8U, Secretary

Chapter 213, Fresno (CA)

Greetings from Fresno Chapter 213. Our monthly meetings are on the 4th Tuesday and Noon at Carrow's Restaurant, 4480 N. Blackstone in Fresno. All QCWA members are welcome to attend if they are in the Fresno CA area on our meeting day. Our meetings are very informal with an average attendance of 20 members and guests. WQ6CWA made one contact in the 2009 fall QSO Party. The Chapter had a display at the 66th Fresno Hamfest in October.

Charles McConnell, W6DPD, Secretary/ Treasurer

Chapter 214, Bluegrass (KY)

The members of Chapter 214 wish to pass their condolences to Joe, K4DZM, on the passing of his brother Ernie, W9UQI.

Over the summer several members got together to participate in Field Day and attended several hamfests. Several members picked up new equipment in anticipation for the upcoming radio season this fall and winter.

A speedy recovery goes out to Don, K4GFY, the better half of Carol, K4SAF.

Congratulations goes out to the President of Chapter 214 Pete, K4OM, who after some 40 years has completed his 6 meter DXCC and as this is being written should be in process. Good job, Pete!

K8DV, K8CR, and AA8HH all joined forces last year in the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes and earned first place Ohio section for multi-op. This was a surprise to all three who were unaware of their award until the certificate showed up in early September.

Past president and founding member Dave Vest, KZ4G's memory lives on as his call has been reissued to the Wireless Outback DX Crew. I am proud to have such a great group as the keeper of his call. There were no new members brought into the Chapter over the summer but recruiting efforts remain in full swing.

Dave Vest, K8DV, Secretary

Chapter 217, The Villages (FL)

Paid Members: Six (6) memberships down by six (6) from last year.

Our monthly meeting is the second Thursday of each month at 1030AM EDT at The Veranda Cafe, Lake Sumter Landing Square, The Villages, FL.

Chapter activities have been picking up with the Snowbirds returning this month. We'll be waiting to get into the restaurants for supper! We finally had a break in the hot weather today. The temperature was in low 80's with low humidity, just a beautiful day...Haven't seen days like this since last spring.

We have dodged the Hurricane bullet so far. So, keep your fingers crossed. We still have October and November before we're home free.

Harold Lloyd, W4OE, Secretary/Treasurer

Corrections:

An error in the QSO Party source data received from George Roach indicated that Certificate Winner, Charles Swindell's, WB4DCM, location was listed as Stanfield, OR. His correct location is Raleigh, NC. Sorry for unexpected move to Oregon, Charles!

In the last issue of the Journal Silent Key, K5WAE, was incorrectly listed as being from Chapter 64. He was a member of Chapter 84.

W2UAE was incorrectly listed as an SK in the fall Journal. QCWA apologizes to Don Field and his family for the error. We are quite happy that he is still with us! Sorry Don!

Teenagers Then...

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THE MARGATE SAFARI NET

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Quote:

"Dear Friends Gus and Leola,
Please forgive my lack of letters, but there is so much to do in caring for Manny that in the afternoons, after lunch, I lie next to him on the bed & promptly pass out! I think of you both a lot and was very sorry to hear that you, Gus, have not been well, but I surely hope that by now you are completely recovered—so please stay well—there's no future in being sick! Unfortunately, I can't give you any good news about Manny. He is now confined to his wheel chair and can no longer stand or walk and is in constant pain and at the mercy of pain killers. His morale is very low and the joy of his life, ham radio, has dealt him a cruel blow in that reception has been so bad for so long between the Margate Safari Net members that he can no longer enjoy his daily QSO's with all his friends anymore. He is so happy when he can get you, Gus, but unfortunately, the reception both ways is not so hot, I believe. I push him into the shack every afternoon, bring him his tea and 15 minutes later bring him out again—nothing! He's always so disappointed. I suggested yesterday that he come on a little later than he does now—mebe you chaps don't feel like getting up early on a cold winter's morning for a QSO?"

End Quote.

I wrote a letter to Stella in April and received a reply in July. Attached was an obituary about Manny from the Margate newspaper. I quote as follows from the article:

Quote: "Game Hunter, Conservationist, Movie Star, Manny Laxton Dies- Manny Laxton's death last week has left the South coast a poorer place. He was one of those rare, larger than life characters. After meeting Manny, you never forgot him.

For more than 35 years, he was a professional hunter and led safaris all over southern and central Africa. One of his biggest regrets was that he never got to see gorillas in the wild.

He went to Rwanda, saw pygmies, heard and even smelled the

gorillas, but never saw them. However, Manny was also an ardent conservationist, having owned seven game farms solely for the conservation of animals. In the early '60s, Manny was instrumental in getting the cages and enclosures at the Johannesburg Zoo rebuilt. He also used to regularly check up on circus animals with members of the SPCA. He acted in many movies and even had a contract to go to Hollywood. However, an explosion on the set, which almost cost him an eye, cut short his film career.

After selling their business (arms, ammunition, camping and fishing equipment) Manny and his wife, Stella, retired to Margate in 1977. They bought a property in the heart of the town, known as 'Eensame Kasteel', which they renamed 'Jagtersrus'.

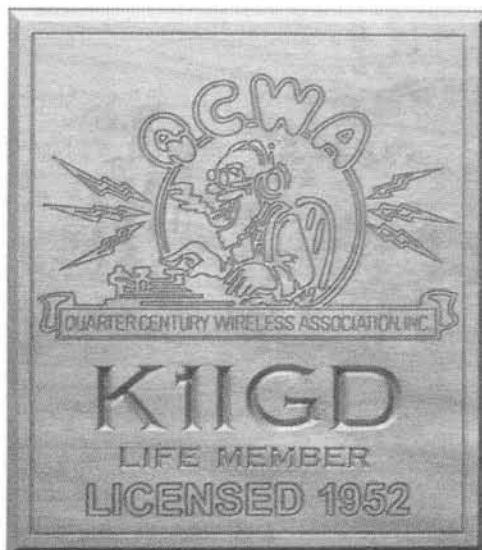
In March, 1997, the Laxtons celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. They have two sons- well-known musician, Julian, who lives in Johannesburg and Jonathan a Margate businessman.

Jonathan said the family had, for years, been telling Manny to write a book about his life. "During the past few months he has been making notes. Hopefully we can collate these."

On May 18, 1997, Manny, aged 79, was rushed to Margate Hospital where he died later that night.

He also left behind two daughters-in-law, Karen and Penny, four grandchildren, Kayshya, Lloyd, Morgan and Margot and a stepson, David, who lives in the USA."

We, members of the former Margate Safari Net, remember well our favorite pastime and its leader and Silent Key, Manny Laxton, and his faithful XYL, Stella, who passed away in October, 1997. Unfortunately, Manny's obituary does not include his World War II experiences or his ham radio activities. The young folks today are very active with their computers, and cellular phones. Perhaps if they ever experienced an international radio net such as the Margate Safari Net, they might shift their activities to ham radio, or at least include ham radio in their activities.



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7/8/2009	34858	WOODWARD, GERALD H, JR	NJ6W	CERRITOS	CA	FRED OSTERMAN	W0PE
7/8/2009	34859	MAGGI, CHUCK	N3CRM	STATE COLLEGE	PA	-	-
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9/1/2009	34903	BLALACK, EDITH M	N4MSX	ALACHUA	FL	PATRICIA A CALLOWAY	K4HFJ
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by George Hart, W1NJM

THE BORED DIRECTORS

The American Radio Relay League has always considered itself loyal to the principles of democracy. Its governing body, the Board of Directors, is elected by the membership in the League's 15 divisions. Originally it was 16 divisions, when Canada was a part of it. The Canadian General Manager was a full-fledged director with voting powers, except on issues concerning only the U.S. The constitution did not specifically deny him a vote on such issues, but it was customary for him to abstain. However, I recall several instances in which the CGM cast a vote and was challenged by one or more of the U.S. directors. Canada was thus a part of the ARRL "field organization" until sometime in the 80's when the office of Canadian Director (the CGM title was abandoned some time after WWII) was abolished and Canada formed its own amateur radio membership society. It still remains, however, a part of the National Traffic System with the eastern provinces forming their own region net, the midwestern and western provinces a part of U.S. region nets. I only knew of two Canadian directors, both from the eastern, most populated part of the country: Alec Reid, VE2BE, from Montreal and Noel Eaton (call?) from Toronto. Both were good personal friends.

My very best friend of all time among the directors was Harry Engwicht, W6HC. I first met Harry at the time of a Board meeting, perhaps in the fifties, when he was a vice director of the Pacific Division under Ray Cornell, W6JZ - who was also a personal friend. Harry and I "hit it off" from the very first and I was delighted when he became a full director succeeding Ray.

By the time I succeeded Ed Handy as communications manager in 1967 we had established full rapport, both officially and personally. He was responsible for my attendance at several Pacific Division conventions, one of which was in Hawaii. In each case I spent much time with him and his family, wife Olive and daughters Christy and Susan at their home in San Jose. We traveled together to Hawaii and throughout much of the rest of his division, and on his trips east to attend directors meetings we spent much time together. Between times of personal get-togethers we kept a weekly TCC schedule and supplemented it with much personal chitchat. We called each other UOG (you old goat) and referred to General Manager Budlong as the "GWF" (Great White Father).

We HQ staff people were not allowed to speak at Board meetings unless requested by a director. Harry and I had a system of signals which would permit me to speak up at any time. If the matter being discussed concerned the Communications Department, he would look at me. If I nodded, it meant I

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wished to add my comments; if I shook my head, it meant I felt no need or wish to comment. Any time he did not look at me and I wished to comment, I would cough to get his attention. We were careful, however, not to use this device to excess.

On one occasion Harry and I discussed, before the meeting, a measure which was sure to arise to which I was vigorously opposed. I don't remember what it was about, but Harry, although he had no strong feelings about it, promised to support my stand. During a recess I was called into conference with some of the directors supporting the measure and discovered it was not at all what I thought, causing me to reverse my stand. The meeting reconvened before I had a chance to tell Harry I had changed my mind and I could not get his attention. When the motion was put forward he arose and bitterly opposed it. One of the directors with whom I had conferred then asked for my comments and I said I had no objection to it, and it was passed. Harry glared at me. He was cool with me for several weeks afterward, but we "made up" after I pointed out that our apparent disagreement would have the beneficial effect of dispelling any notion on the part of the other directors that I was Harry's "pet." This was the only rift in our long personal friendship and it was a short and minor one.

The friendship ended on a tragic note. During our many TCC schedules I had much trouble receiving Harry's signal, and vice versa, and he determined to erect an antenna which would make his signal stronger and also enhance reception of mine. This involved a 60-foot telescoping tower. When the job was almost complete and he had the tower cranked up its maximum height it suddenly collapsed, crushing an arm at the

elbow. He was rushed to the hospital where his arm was amputated, but too late. Bone fragments had entered his bloodstream, causing cardiac arrest.

I had a curious feeling of guilt; after all, he had been putting up the tower because of me. Olive completely rejected this, said enhancing our TCC schedule was only one of the reasons for the project, and that if he had been more careful it wouldn't have happened. So I was left with just another feeling of grief at the passing of a friend. There have been many of them.

Backing up a bit, I attended two Board of Directors meetings when I was "subbing" for Ed Handy in the early 40's. At that time, hardly any of the directors paid any attention to me. Doc Woodruff was president and chairman at my first meeting, in May of 1942. At that meeting there was a highly-contested election for president. The candidates were Doc Woodruff, the incumbent, and George Bailey, W1KH. The two candidates were almost exact opposites in character. Doc was a quiet, soft-spoken, mostly-unappreciated genius. George was an outspoken, extroverted executive with great administrative expertise who had served as vice president. There were 16 voting directors (in this case the CGM did vote). The incumbent president-chairman did not vote except to break a tie.

The first balloting produced a tie, and the chairman abstained. Several more ballots were conducted, with recesses between them, all producing the same result. Finally, George withdrew and Woodruff was declared re-elected. I had the impression that George's candidacy was a spur-of-the-moment thing in an effort to get the quiet, soft-spoken Woodruff out of the chair. Two years later, at the next presidential election, Bailey, after a considerable campaign, was elected easily.

My attendance at those two Board meetings, in 1942 and 1943, followed a tradition that lasted until a couple of years before my retirement in 1978. Ed Handy had been a key figure at HQ in the 20's and 30's, a vice president and a member of the Board's Executive Committee. His position on the headquarters staff was considered very high, even above other department heads, for in addition to being a vice president he was required to attend Board meetings and write an annual report on CD operations to be included in the annual reports of the president, directors, general manager and other officers of the League. His annual report was usually longer than any of them, taking up quite a bit of space in the book and going into great detail. Those early years of the CD under Ed Handy's regime were quite comfortable ones for him, but by the time I came aboard in 1938 his prestige was beginning to crumble and his personal morale showing signs of deterioration, accompanied by extreme nervousness symptoms. These symptoms only added to the disdain for which he was beginning to be held by many of the directors and other staff members. Shortly after WWII he was stripped of his vice presidency, put under the direction of the general manager and removed from the Executive Committee. In partial recompense he was made an honorary vice president, a position with a minimum of influence and no specific duties.

But the traditional separate annual report of the communica-

tions manager to the Board continued well into my own regime. Ed was still highly respected in the field and continued his high dedication to his job, although the symptoms of nervous breakdown continued to increase. Despite the effective demotions he still had supporters on the Board. Nevertheless, prior to each Board Meeting he spent many hours before and after normal office hours, in his office, hammering on his old No. 5 Underwood typewriter, clearing his throat loudly, coughing 20 times per minute. He lived in perpetual fear of Board action against his department, sometimes instigated by General Manager Budlong, who was his avowed enemy, but the week or so before the directors arrived for their annual meeting in May was a time of extreme stress. I often wondered how he could survive the pressure, most of it self-generated; but he always did.

During the late 40's, 50's and into the 60's I was a sometimes-amused, often-distressed spectator to this scene. Despite occasional annoyances, especially when he butchered my copy for QST or a bulletin to put my words into his (I eventually refused to put my name to copy I considered so butchered), I retained

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my admiration for his dedication and considerable executive ability and my feeling of close friendship and sympathy for his person. In my opinion, the League could never have achieved the high position it now holds without him.

It was Harry Engwicht who coined the term "bored directors," not I. I thought the term not really apropos, not because I had a high opinion of the Board, but because it really didn't apply. The Board considered itself an august body of policymakers, but persistently meddled in headquarters management, especially where the conduct of the Communications Department was concerned. When K. B. Warner was general manager he skillfully manipulated the Board while simultaneously maintaining its respect, somewhat to the amusement of most of the more discerning staff members. His manipulations, however, were dedicated effectively to the overall betterment of the League. When Warner died suddenly in 1948 and Budlong took over, the manipulation continued, especially in the persecution of Ed Handy and the CD; but Budlong was not a Warner. His actions were often outwardly antagonistic on a personal basis, or dedicated to his own personal advantage. He was quite effective during the first few years of his regime, but lapsed into heavy drinking and, after a few disgraceful performances in the field, during which time the headquarters was in effect managed by his understudy, John Huntoon, was forced to retire. He died shortly afterward.

Although Budlong obviously felt Ed Handy was unfit to head an important department of the headquarters and almost succeeded in getting the Board to believe this—and although he transferred this same attitude to me as Handy's understudy, I was fully aware of Budlong's capacity toward leadership and don't mean to paint him as a villain. It is hard to say what caused the flaws in his personality that led him to vindictiveness and malice, and to a discerning person the high intelligence and capacity for leadership were obvious, but his effectiveness dwindled to the point where he had to be replaced, and young John Huntoon, who had stood behind him during the dwindling period, was his obvious successor.

Under Huntoon, the fortunes of the headquarters and the

League in general took a definite turn for the better. He had joined the headquarters staff as an assistant secretary in 1939, very shortly after I became second operator at W1AW. He had been a favorite of the Board of Directors throughout the latter stages of K.B. Warner and the full term of Arthur Budlong, doing a great job as an assistant secretary and, in Budlong's final couple of years, as assistant general manager. He took full and effective charge of the headquarters, engineered the move from La Salle Road in West Hartford to the W1AW property in Newington, almost overnight gaining the respect of the headquarters staff and the Board — a respect that had been ebbing during Budlong's last days.

In the next installment, George continues his insight into the operation of the Board.

How I Earned the QCWA WAS Award!

By Dick Church, N4ARO

In June of 2008, I decided it was time to finish up the job of earning the QCWA WAS award. I had started collecting QSL cards for the award back in 1979 shortly after joining QCWA. I was living in East Tennessee at that time. I made 36 of the QSO's during the 1980 and 1981 QCWA QSO parties and collected the QSL cards. I also had a couple of cards from late in 1979. In 1982 I moved to California where I was very active in hamming, but did not continue working on the award, as I did not want to mix contacts from California with those from Tennessee in getting the award. I retired in 1997 and moved back to East Tennessee. With the help of a couple of local QCWA chapter 182 members (Don, N4TN now SK, and Carl, AI4H) I got back on the air here in East Tennessee in 2006. I started working to add to my QCWA QSL's by entering the QCWA QSO parties. Surprisingly, I added only a couple of the needed states during the QSO parties. By June of 2008, I still needed the following states: NV, WY, MT, KY, DE and SD. These states just don't show up often in the QSO parties sad to say. By searching the QCWA member on-line database and sending two or three e-mails to a few QCWA members in these scarce states I managed to get three of the states activated (SD, MT, and WY) and they were worked

during the Fall party in September 2008.

In order to get the last remaining states, I again searched through the database and composed an e-mail requesting a schedule and sent it out to groups of QCWA members. I selected the ones to contact by running a check on QRZ dot com to see if the calls I found appeared active at all. If they appeared active, seemed accurate, and had an email address, they were put on a short list of 6 or 7 in each state to contact. Interestingly, I found that many folks do not keep up their email addresses as many bounced; many probably do not read their email and did not respond, etc. But out of the half dozen in each state that I attempted to contact at least one (and often only one) came through with a response which ended up in an email exchange culminating in an actual on-air schedule and QSO. In every case the needed QSL was promptly received. I finished up my task on Sept. 27, 2008 by working WX7M in Nevada, the last state needed. W3DR gave me Delaware, K7TFW, Wyoming, WBOVBW, South Dakota, N7ODM, Montana, and KZ4G (now SK) Kentucky.

Feeling pretty happy with the success from the email campaign, I decided that I

would really like to achieve WAS by means of using CW only. I only had five such states to replace. The first thing I did was to research QRZ dot com to see if the calls I had cards from were still active. Sadly, all five were no longer listed or calls had been re-issued. So from Oct 3 through Oct. 7, 2008, using the same e-mail method, I re-worked those five states to replace the old SSB QSL cards which I did not want to use for my "all CW award". The last state being worked for this reason was KOUB in North Dakota. One of the cards replaced was Missouri. I had a card in my QSL file from AI00 from a CW contact back in 1982 and he was found in the current QCWA member database, but our QSO was before he was a member of QCWA. I sent Rob an e-mail and found that he was still active and happy to produce the new QSO and QSL for me. K4NVJ gave me Alabama, K1DT, Rhode Island, and W7CNL Idaho to complete my long quest for an all CW QCWA WAS award.

So, a period of almost exactly 29 years elapsed from the first QSL collected until the last one was in hand for QCWA WAS - all from East Tennessee, all on CW. It's been fun and I met lots of nice folks along the way in exchanging the contacts and the cards. Thanks to all the guys who helped out in the effort.

Novice History

The Chase to be the First Novice DXCC

Part 8 in a Series for the QCWA Journal

Novice Historical Society, www.Novice.bappy.com

by Cliff Cheng, Ph.D., AC6C, formerly WN6JPA (1975)



Headnote – Many hobbies like amateur radio do not have a well documented “history.” This “history” was compiled from many sources (see endnote); some of them are contradictory. This history is incomplete and should be regarded as a work in progress. There is an absence of YL, minorities, disabled hams and hams from the U.S. territories in this history for they are historically under-represented in ham radio.

Welcome to this our eighth article in our Novice History Series for the QCWA Journal. This Series is based the Novice Historical Society's website, www.Novice.bappy.com, where over 230 American hams, as of early-Fall of 2009, have shared their Novice stories and photos. If you are an American ham who started as Novice, please visit our website and share your own Novice story and photos.

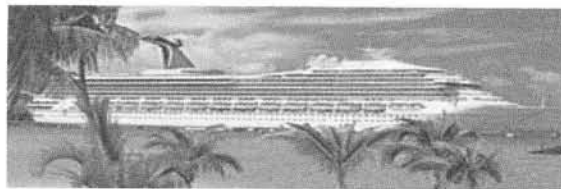
Our Series began in the Spring 2008 issue discussing the structure of new Novice license which was first authorized on July 1, 1951. In Summer 2008, the second article looked at 1951 Novices. Then in the third, fourth and fifth articles, respectively, we looked at the early-1950s, mid-1950s and late-1950s Novices. In article six we focused on what it would take for a Novice to earn the DX Century Club (DXCC) award (Spring, 2009). In the last article we discussed how Bill Tippet, W4ZV, KN4RID in 1958 achieved this honor with 102 QSLs. Bill also earned a 110 country endorsement as a Novice (see sticker). He confirmed 5 more countries as a Novice; making a total of 115 countries. For Bill's record to be broken, over 115 confirmed countries will be required.

Now in article eight, we will discuss some Bill's **known** competition who were in on the chase to be the first Novice to earn the DXCC. With Bill being the first Novice to DXCC, one would naturally ask - how long did Bill's record stand? Who were his competitors and how close were they? We can mention only Bill's *documented* competitors. There probably were others who were not mentioned in *QST* magazine of that period or otherwise not known to us. There are likely other documents that have not been made available to us. We have repeatedly asked hams that have knowledge and documentation of the issues we address to come forth. Few have. If you have documentation, please let us know. We will publish a web update of this topic on our website www.Novice.bappy.com.

American Radio Relay League (ARRL) did *not* have a Novice endorsement for its DXCC award. They report they have no records which indicate who Bill's competitors were.

If one was a DXer reading *QST* in 1957 and 1958 which discussed the possibility of a Novice DXCC, given the great propagation of Cycle 19, one would expect at least a few other Novices to follow Bill's achievement. Before Bill earned the first Novice DXCC, *QST* said there were Novices who worked 80 to 85 countries *QST* (Nov. 1957, pp. 72). It is uncertain, if *QST's* DX Editor Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, meant worked and confirmed or just worked 80-85 countries. Rod speculated about who would be the first Novice DXCC several times in 1957 and 1958. These

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speculations likely encouraged many Novices to try to become the first DXCC. We wrote Rod in late-2007 in an attempt to get clarification on this and other questions but we did not receive a reply.

The annual DXCC list in May 1960 *QST* reported Christopher Bennion, KN1IVT, of Riverside, CT, later K1IVT, earned the DXCC award with 100 countries (pp. 98). Bill's research, which much of this article is based on, names Chris as the *second Novice to earn the DXCC*. Since Chris is no longer in the FCC database, we were unable to contact him for an interview.

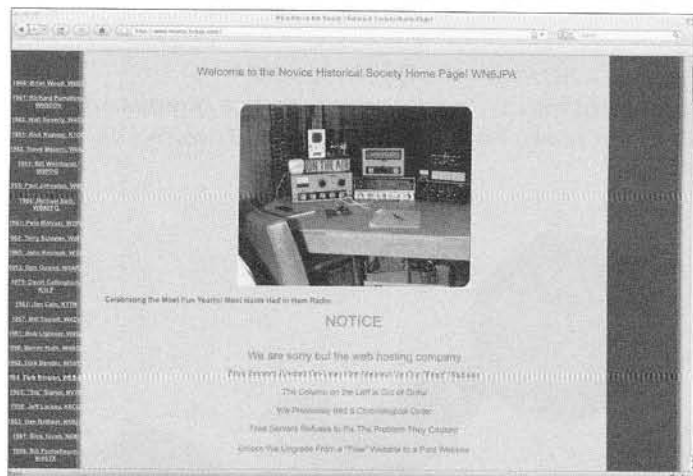
Bill was curious who the third DXCC was and embarked on a search of annual DXCC lists published in *QST*; looking for WN#***, KN#***, WV2*** and WV6*** callsigns. He had a hypothesis that – Novices who earned the DXCC, did so in a high sunspot cycle. Bill and Chris earned their DXCCs at the high of Cycle 19.

Tony Estep, KTONY, formerly KN0LTB, was Bill's competitor to be the first Novice to DXCC in 1958 (August 1958, *QST*, pp. 66). At one point, *QST* said Tony was the frontrunner to be the first Novice DXCC. However, Tony did not submit his QSLs earned as a Novice until 9 years later; by which time he was a General. While Tony has not yet written us a Novice story, we have been in touch with him. Tony says he did not initially submit his cards for he got distracted with other things. Tony only submitted QSLs with his Novice callsign on them which made him eligible to be listed as a Novice DXCC. He was awarded the DXCC on May 26, 1967, certificate #9133, 102 countries. Tony Estep was the *third Novice to appear on the DXCC List*.

August 1967, *QST* printed a claim from George P. Cherney, WN8TND in Lorain, OH, that he has worked 113 countries and confirmed 105 as a Novice (pp. 87). George used a Johnson Ranger transmitter with 16 crystals, Collins 75 A-4 receiver, homebrew 15M yagi (*QST*, Aug., 1967:87). George was admitted into DXCC with 105 confirmed countries in Sept. 1967 (*QST*, Sept., 1967, pp. 93; Dec., 1967, pp. 104). He mistakenly was again listed in December 1968. He was probably the *fourth Novice to earn the DXCC*. George is not currently in the FCC database. We did find him in Lorain. We wrote him but did not get a reply, nor did the letter come back marked – Return to Sender.

If we were to further test Bill's hypothesis, we should look at the Cycles 21 and 22. By Cycle 23, the Novice license had ended. FCC had stopped issuing distinct Novice callsigns in 1976, WN#***, KN#***, WV2*** or WV6***, before Cycle 21's peak. After 1976, we could not tell who was and was not a Novice, unless they submitted late using a distinct Novice call-sign. Bill hypothesis that Novices who earned the DXCC did so during a high sunspot cycle has some limited support, two cycles. We would have preferred more data but we can only work with what we have.

There were a few Novices who were mentioned in *QST* at the time who were in on the chase to be the first Novice DXCC. September 1958 *QST* reported David A. Reitz, KN6ZBV of Fair Oaks, CA worked 117 countries with 93 confirmed (pp. 71). *QST* had declared David to be the frontrunner for be the Novice to DXCC (Sept. 1958, pp. 71). There is no information available on



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what David's final Novice tally was. He upgraded to K6ZBV. David is no longer in the FCC database. We found a person with the same name but his wife said he was not the person we seek; he is too young.

March 1958 *QST* reported KN8EEW, Francis P. Galinas in Detroit, MI worked 63 countries (pp. 66). Francis is now K8EEW. We wrote Francis in late-2008 and did not get a reply.

Chuck Coleman, II, KN5LZO, later K5LZO (sk) was another Novice in on the hunt to be the first Novice DXCC (*QST*, Aug., 1958, pp. 67). We attempted to contact Chuck's widow and did not get a reply.

William Ocva, who was KN0LFY was in on the chase to be the first Novice DXCC. He upgraded to K0LFY and is now N1GL. Like many Novices on the chase, William did not earn his DXCC until he was a General. William earned the DXCC in 1959 as a General with 173 confirmed countries (*QST*, 1959, pp. 110, 122). We wrote him in late-2008 requesting an interview but did not get a reply.

Tony Rogozinski, KN5LMJ, now W4OI, was in on the chase too. Tony was 14 years old and lived in Carlsbad, NM. As a Novice he managed to work 65 countries. See Tony's story posted on the Novice Historical Society, www.Novice.bappy.com.

While not in on the chase to be the first Novice to DXCC, an interesting aside is that Laura Sobon, KD4OZC, in Raleigh, NC was reported by *QST* as the youngest ham to DXCC, age 9; when she was an Extra (Jan. 1994, pp. 89).

We must emphasize we have only discussed documented competitors. There certainly have been several hams who have contacted us about the race to be first Novice to DXCC and other milestones in Novice history (1951-2000). Unfortunately without documentation, we can not print their recollections as a historical fact. **Memories are not history.** In most cases, when hams contact us with their memories of historical events in which we have access to documentation, in almost every case we discover their **memories are inaccurate**. We do not want to discourage hams coming to us with their ideas. We do want to point out

the importance of documentation when a historical point is made! Of course personal Novice stories which do not attempt to make statements about all of Novice history are always welcomed!

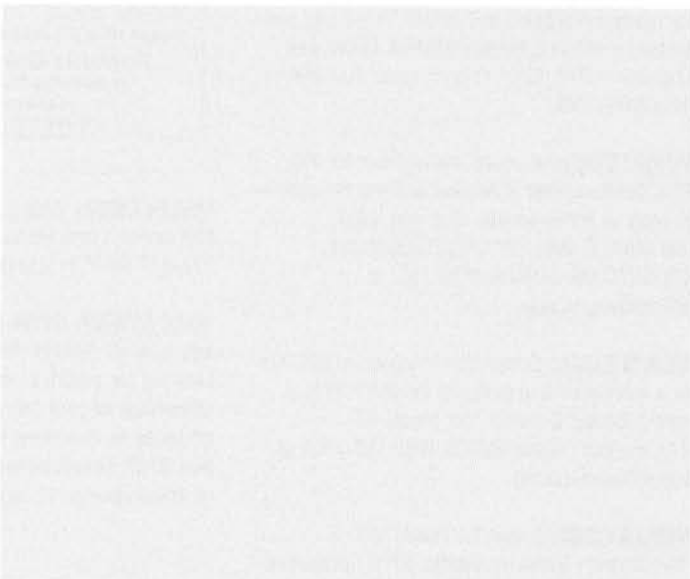
Please read our next article which will be on the history of early Novice callsigns.

The Novice Historical Society requests the volunteer assistance of a website designer. Our free website has been damaged and is not fixable. A website designer volunteered to help but dropped out after we purchased a new website. We need help in setting up the new website. We can migrate the stories over once a website designer sets it up. Please contact AC6C at the email address below.

References – See the disclaimer in the headnote. Most of the history in this series is based on stories told by Novices of the era on the website of the Novice Historical Society, www.Novice.bappy.com. Steve Melachrinis, W3HF's callsign history research has been invaluable in documenting historical facts that have shaped this series. The background information in this series comes from several sources. One of the main background sources is Bill Continelli, W2XOY's "The Wayback Machine" <http://ham-shack.com/history.html> amateur radio history series. Rodney Dinkins, AC6V's (sk) outline was helpful, www.ac6v.com/. Ron Thomas, W8QYR wrote an insightful piece on ham radio in the 1950s in October 1995 issue of QST and a similar piece in 2006. In May 1994 issue of QST, Phil Sager, WB4EDT and Rick Palm, K1CE wrote a history of ham radio licensing which was a helpful reference for this history. In the back of his licensing manuals, Gordon West, WB6NOA provided specific details about the history of licensing requirements.

Cliff Cheng, Ph.D., AC6C, has been a happy ham since 1975 when he earned his novice license, WN6JPA, at John Burroughs Jr. High School in Los Angeles, CA. Cliff's teacher, Ted Ryan, WB6JXY (sk), was a ham radio teacher for 35 years and grew a

large and rich ham radio culture at school by teaching 6 novice classes a year, plus another 6 Novice classes a year for the San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, W6SD. Ted's memorial site also contains Novice history, www.TedRyan.bappy.com. Cliff started the Novice Historical Society so hams could share their novice stories and pictures, www.Novice.bappy.com. Please visit Cliff's personal ham site where he has a whole section on the fun he had as a Novice, <http://ac6c.cliff.googlepages.com>. Cliff recently put up a webpage to honor Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ (sk) who historically was one of ham radio's most significant YLs, www.KI6CM.bappy.com. Cliff is a QCWA (33455) and ARRL life member. July 2008 QST, (pp. 65) named Cliff to the top of the Public Service Honor Roll, under his old callsign WW6CC. Please visit Cliff's novice history website and share your Novice story; after following the submission guidelines. AC6C — at — ARRL — dot — net



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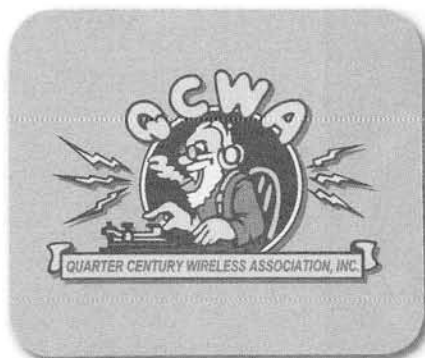
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With great sadness we record the passing of these members

NAME	CALL	MEM. #	L	CITY	ST/PR
ADKINS, ASA WILLIAMS	W3BR	02579		BOERNE	TX
KOPERSKI, RONALD F	N8IR	16615	L	MAUMEE	OH
GLANO, PHILLIP F	W0EAJ	10665	L	KANSAS CITY	MO
PURCELL, LLOYD M	WB7PKW	33397		LITCHFIELD PARK	AZ
TOUSAW, RUSSELL WALLACE	VE3GMJ	25262	L	WOODSTOCK	ON
HAGEN, ISAAC	W8GVS	27279		NORTHPORT	MI
MILLER, CHARLES M	W5IMR	32923		SAN ANTONIO	TX
TIMBERLAKE, HERBERT Z	W5TQI	12546	L	FORT WORTH	TX
WATSON, CARL E	W1NV	06059	L	BOOTHBAY	ME
MC FADDEN, ROBERT W	K4FF	10233	L	TAMPA	FL
COURTNEY, WILLIAM F	WO5T	19974		DALLAS	TX
GERSTEN, EDWARD J	WB2MWW	23788		LIVERPOOL	NY
ANGELICI, LOUIS G	W3TRZ	29237		CREVE COEUR	MO
BOTKO, V BILL	WF6W	31444		LITTLE ROCK	CA
ZELLE, JOSEPH	W8FAZ	08294	L	EUCLID	OH
SOPOCKO, GEORGE	WA9JEZ	23845	L	GLENDALE HEIGHTS	IL
EBERSOL, ELMER T JR	W2PPM	19169	L	WEST CHESTER	PA
PULLIAM, HUGH	W4SEM	28993	L	FT MYERS	FL
HINELINE, ROBERT J	W8ZFE	24424		PERRYSBURG	OH
TAYLOR, ROBERT MITCHELL	W8BT	10901	L	TOLEDO	OH
RYAN, ELDON	K6BRP	15032		TORRANCE	CA
PICARD, ALBERT E	W4ALP	24314		OCALA	FL
MACHEEL, DOUGLAS M	K6HLE	18109		FOLSOM	CA
WILLING, KEN G	VE3CV	31345	L	OTTAWA	ON
BRAMMER, GENE	K1HBM	17026	L	GRAYLING	MI
ROSS, ARTHUR R	W5KR	03002		PORT NECHES	TX
KRUEGER, POWELL	W0WY	13642	L	WIMBERLY	TX
GREGORY, JOHN R	W5RCO	19789	L	ANNAPOLIS	MD
WICHERT, HANS	DJ3LR	19048	L	BONN	
MUELLER, WOLFGANG	DL2BWM	30102	L	FRANKFURT/ODER	
NUNN, HANS-GUNTHER	DJ8GN	34763	L	FICHTENWALDE	
ALSDORF, CHARLES E	W2FBE	04849	L	CHINO HILLS	CA
HEIL, WILLIAM R	W1JXR	24097		SHELTON	CT
KEEFER, HAZEL MAE	WA7KHD	12335	L	SALEM	OR
BRADFORD, W CLARKE	VE3WCB	25052	L	MILTON	ON
ANSELMO, PAUL	AE2S	19393		MIDDLETOWN	NJ
MOORE, CHET	K6ICZ	13936	L	BOZEMAN	MT
ROSS, JOEL P	K2HXS	12917	L	BROOKLYN	NY
LEMINSKI, LARRY	VE7SD	16711	L	VANCOUVER	BC
HOLCOMB, WADE G	W1GHU	09568		NEW HAVEN	CT
SMITH, ALFRED G	NR2K	20447		VERO BEACH	FL

Chapters On The Air!

NUM NAME	DAY	TIME	NCS	FREQ	NUM NAME	DAY	TIME	NCS	FREQ
FL SSB	SAT	1300Z	W4KOG	3955	89 PALMETTO STATE Chapter	SAT	0843L	N4RM	3930
QCWA SSB	SUN	2000Z	varies	14347	89 PALMETTO Chapter	SUN	1700L	N4RM	3695
FL SSB	WED	1500Z	W4NWF	7274	91 VIC CLARK Chapter	SUN	0900L	VARIES	146.79 -
CONEX	SUN	0815L	W2NBT	3917	102 DAKOTA Chapter	SUN	1400Z	VARIES	3889
QCWA CW (Eastern Time Zone)	WED	2000L	N6SL	7.035	106 GERMAN Chapter	MON	1630Z	DLOQCW	3773
1 CLEVELAND Chapter	WED	2000L	W8LYD	146.85 -	106 GERMAN Chapter	TUE	1730Z	DL1MEB	3576
2 CHICAGO AREA Chapter	1stTh	2130L	W9MOL	147.15 +	107 CENTRAL FL	SAT	0900L	W4LHP	7243
5 DELAWARE VALLEY Chapter	SUN	0945L	WA3DSP	3917	107 CENTRAL FL	THUR	1230L	W4LHP	14245
6 PITTSBURGH Chapter	SUN	0830L	N3GHI	147.03 +	108 BEAVER STATE Chapter	WED	0800L	VARIES	3854
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1000L	W6ZRZ	147.360 +	109 BATON ROUGE Chapter	SUN	2000L	VARIES	146.79 -
			ECHOLINK 8722		109 BATON ROUGE Chapter	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3905
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1000L	W6ZRZ	446.24-	110 KANSAS Chapter	SAT	0730L	NOLL	3920
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	1100L	K6CD	7034	111 W PALM BEACH Chapter	T,TH,SAT	1900L	VARIES	147.045 +
7 SOUTHERN CA	SUN	0900L	W6LPJ	3917		pl 110.9			
8 UPPER MIDWEST Chapter	SAT	0800L	WOOFY	3908	112 YANKEE Chapter	SUN	0830L	W1GCA	3906
8 UPPER MIDWEST Chapter	SAT	0900L	N0GI	145.45 -	114 NORTH TEXAS Chapter	SAT	0830L	WA5BXH	3933
	Sep-May	0900L	N0GI	145.450	119 TIDEWATER VA	SUN	2100L	WQ4CWA	146.790 -
	echo link #89680		NOVBE	145.450	119 TIDEWATER VA	SUN	0800L	WQ4CWA	3947
9 SOUTHWEST OH	SUN	1330L	W8TIV	3975	123 LEE DEFOREST Chapter	SAT	0730L	VARIES	3940
10 MICHIGAN Chapter	SUN	0800L	VARIES	3.903	126 PIEDMONT Chapter	SAT	0845L	VARIES	3825
10 MICHIGAN Chapter	SUN	1430L	VARIES	3.530	128 PELICAN Chapter	SAT	0900L	VARIES	145.29 -
11 NORTHERN CA	SAT	1000L	WB6IMX	146.85 -	130 INLAND EMPIRE	WED	1930L	W6HV	1896
11 NORTHERN CA	SUN	0930L	WA6AFT	3907	130 INLAND EMPIRE	SAT	0800L	W6HV	3917
14 SAN DIEGO Chapter	WED	2000L	VARIES	146.640 -	130 INLAND EMPIRE	FRI	1600L	W6HV	3917
16 ARIZONA Chapter	SUN	0700L	W7LGB	3890	134 PINE TREE	SUN	1400L	VARIES	3942
17 ALLENTOWN-BETHLEHEM	SUN	1200L	W3GOS	3990	135 MID-MICHIGAN Chapter	TUE	2000L	VARIES	146.70 -
19 MISSOURI Chapter	WED	1900L	W9BEL	147.360	138 MARCONI Chapter	TUE	2100L	VARIES	147.045+
20 Chesapeake	THU	2000L	KR3AB	146.76 -	140 WYOMING Chapter	SAT	0800L	AB7BJ	3923
				pl 107.2	146 TWIN STATE Chapter	SUN	0830L	VARIES	3912
21 CANTON OH Chapter	THU	1930L	VARIES	145.11 -	146 TWIN STATE Chapter	THUR	1900L	VARIES	146.76 -
25 NEBRASKA	SAT	0830L	VARIES	3.982	149 NUTMEG Chapter	SUN	1030L	W1EFW	3923
28 CENTRAL NY/ENDLESS MTNS	SUN	1030L	VARIES	3.917	150 DEL-MAR-VA Chapter	SUN	0900L	NQ4Q	146.820 -
30 SOUTH CHARLESTON - WV	SUN	1500L	VARIES	3.865	151 WILD ROSE Chapter	MON	1900L	VARIES	3747
31 READING,PA Chapter	MON	2100L	VARIES	146.91 -	152 ROYAL PALM Chapter	MWF	1630L	K4FA	14190
32 GATOR Chapter	SAT	0900L	VARIES	145.29 -	160 UTAH Chapter	SAT	1100L	VARIES	7272
33 GUNDERSON PENN-JRSEY	DAILY	2000L	W3APE	3987	162 SOUTHEAST WI	THUR	2100L	N9NBC	147.27+
33 GUNDERSON-PENN-JRSEY	DAILY	1000L	W3APE	14263	165 YORK COUNTY PA	WED	2100L	W3EDO	147.33+
35 MIDCONTINENT Chapter	THU	2030L	KOYML	146.97 -	166 COLONIAL PA	Sun-Fri	0900L	VARIES	146.985 -
37 HARRISBURG Chapter	WED	2100L	K3IUY	147.12 +	169 SACRAMENTO VALLEY	M/THU	1730L	VARIES	3947.5
38 SAN ANTONIO Chapter	SUN	2030L	W5HRF	146.94 -	173 GOLDEN TRI Chapter	TUE	1930L	W9JRY	145.39 -
41 DALLAS Chapter	SUN	0715L	VARIES	3835				ECHOLINK node 360259 K4FC-L	
45 CITRUS Chapter	TUE	1930L	VARIES	147.195 +	181 HUDSON VALLEY	SUN	0815L	W2NBT	3917
46 FOUNDER'S Chapter	SUN	0815L	W2NBT	3917	181 HUDSON VALLEY NY	TUE	2030L	VARIES	147.060 +
49 PEACH STATE Chapter	SAT	0900E	K4VN	3857.5	182 NORTHEAST TN	SUN	2100L	W4CZ	145.110 -
49 PEACH STATE Chapter	WED	2000L	K4VN	145.41 -	183 PIONEER Chapter	SUN	0930L	VARIES	3923
51 TEX-LA GOLDEN TRI	MON	1830L	W5AL	146.85	191 MONTEREY BAY Chapter	TUES	1930L	VARIES	146.70 +
55 WI Chapter	SUN	0830L	WA9UVK	3985				pl 94.8	
58 CO Chapter	SUN	0900L	W9KRE	3910	194 HAWAII Chapter	1st S	1500L	KH6B	7088
58 CO Chapter	SUN	0930L	VARIES	146.67-	196 EDISON Chapter	DAILY	0730L	VARIES	147.345 +
62 SUWANNEE Chapter	SAT	0900L	W4PFJ	3940	198 MID SIERRA Chapter	SAT	0700L	VARIES	3908
63 CENTRAL OK Chapter	SUN	0730L	W5AS	3845 kcs	205 EASTERN IN Chapter	MON	2000L	VARIES	147.045+
63 CENTRAL OK Chapter	THUR	1900L	W5HXL	147.105 +				pl 131.8	
64 EL PASO Chapter	SAT	0830L	W5RO	3933	210 OMAHA Chapter	TUES	1900L	WOOMA	147.36 +
65 NIAGARA FRONTIER	SUN	1330L	W2QI	3900	211 NEOSHO VALLEY Chapter	SAT	0900C	VARIES	3907
67 AUSTIN Chapter	SAT	0900L	W5MDL	3920		EXCEPT 4TH SAT			
70 NATIONAL CAPITAL	MON	1930L	VE3QCW	147.030-	212 MID-OHIO	2nd THU	1930L	VARIES	146.760 -
76 BLUE RIDGE Chapter	SAT	0845L	K4HU	3.740 Mhz				pl 123.0	
79 SUNFLOWER Chapter	WED	2100L	VARIES	146.82 -	213 FRESNO CA	4TH MON	1930L	VARIES	146.850-
81 LONG ISLAND QCWA Chapter	FRI	2030L	W2TLC	146.745 -				pl 141.3	
81 LONG ISLAND Chapter	SUN	1130L	W2TLC	3917	213 FRESNO CA	4th MON	1930L	WQ6CWA	443.250 +
85 ARK-LA-TEX	CST MON	1930L	WA9PZL	146.670 -				pl 107.2	
85 ARK-LA-TEX	CDT MON	2000L	WA9PZL	146.670 -					

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Membership No. _____

Date _____

First Licensed Year _____

Deposit Record _____

New Application? _____ **Renewal?** _____ **Original QCWA No.** _____

I, _____, _____
(Print Name Clearly) Present Call _____

having been licensed as an amateur for 25 years or more and presently holding the call listed above,
(it is not necessary to have been licensed the entire 25 years) hereby apply for membership in QCWA.
I understand that proof of the original date of licensing is required. My complete mailing address is :

Street Number and Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
E-Mail Address _____ Telephone Number _____

I will keep QCWA Headquarters advised of changes in my address and/or call sign. My first Amateur
license was dated _____ and the Call was _____ Other Calls held _____

Date of Birth _____

I wish to become affiliated with QCWA Chapter _____

Your Signature _____

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

Select one of the following plans:

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Family Member</u> (ea. additional)	
QCWA Dues for a ONE-year period	\$25.00		_____
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Proposed by _____ Call _____ No. _____

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- **QCWA Gold Certificates** celebrate the 50th anniversary of licensing. Issued without charge to eligible members upon proof of year of first license.
- **Gold Certificates** are issued in five-year increments; 55, 60, 65, and 70-year certificates free of charge to eligible members. Special awards are issued for 75 years and higher.
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- **Meritorious Award Certificate** is issued by Headquarters upon request of any active QCWA chapter. One such award is authorized for each chapter each year. The award may be given to recognize unusual dedication to QCWA or amateur radio.

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The Activities Manager issues QCWA Operating Award Certificates to QCWA members. Proof of eligibility is required.

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- QCWA Embroidered emblem: \$5.00
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- 450 QCWA Gold Stamps (life): \$3.00
- 400 QCWA Yellow Stamps (50 Year): \$3.00
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